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INTRODUCTION

Joseph Mitchell[11] Kellogg (Lyman Beecher[10], Hiram[9], Horace[8], Loomis[7], Stephen[6], Stephen[5], Stephen[4], Joseph[3], Martin[2], Philippe[1]) was born in Emporia, Kansas, September 26, 1885, and was a graduate of Cornell University. Our sole biography of him indicates only that in 1937 he was unmarried, and a Professor of Architectural Design at the University of Kansas, and Head of its Department of Agriculture.

Many of his genealogical works are in the collection of the Local History Department of the Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. His compilations of Sheffield [Mass.] Vital and Cemetery Records, Egremont [Mass.] Cemetery Records, as well as material concerning the Kellogg family have long been an integral part of the collection.

This book represents the contents of four notebook manuscripts of material [also part of the Athenaeum collection] which was researched by Mr. Kellogg in 1945. In presenting his work, we have been as faithful as possible to the original in regard to layout, spacing, punctuation, etc., with departures only in the case of handwritten lines that were too long to fit within acceptable margins. Nothing was edited and no corrections were attempted.

The maps and signatures appearing in the Appendix are *enhanced* tracings from the original documents in the Massachusetts State Archives. Enhancement was necessary in order to present sharp, legible reproductions.

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THE KARNER FAMILY

(Koerner, Kerner, Carner, etc.)

With notes on the Stiever-Stüber Family and the

Van Gilder (Van Gelder, Van Guilder, etc.) Family

From original and published records.

(From Notebook #1)

THE KARNER FAMILY

The Karner family of the town of Egremont in Berkshire Co. Mass., was originally of German-Palatine origin. The immigrant ancestor in this country was:

Nicholas Koerner

who came to New York in the great Palatine company of 1710.

From "Early Palatine Emigration", by Knittle.

In the original lists of immigrants from Holland which he gives (in appendix):

In the 3rd party, embarking June 5-10, 1709:

Nicolaes Kormer, vrouw & 4 (children)

In the 2nd party, sailing May 23, 1709:

Wolf Kernar, vrouw & 2 (ch.)

Anna Maria Kerner (in). -

In the 5th party:

Jacob Staüber, vrouw & 1 (ch.)

Mattys Stiever, vrouw & 2 (ch.)

From similar lists of Palatines published in the N.Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, - but as they arrived in England: (also pub. in "A Book of Names" - MacWethy)

In the 3rd list:

John Nicol Koerner and wife

husbandman and vinedresser - aged 50. Reformed religion.

Children: 2 sons - 6 and 3 yrs old

2 daus. 9 and 4 " "

In the 2nd list:

Wolf Koerner and wife

husbandman and vinedresser, aged 30. - Lutheran religion.

Children: 2 sons - 4 and 2 yrs old. (no daughters)

Maria Koerner

unmarried, aged 24.

In the 4th list:

John Koerner

a joiner - aged 33 - Lutheran.

(alone)

From Knittle's book:

In the Subsistence lists for the Palatines in New York in 1710 - (a portion also pub. in Doc. Hist. of N.Y. vol. 3):

Niclaus Körner - (see also page 4 of this book)

In 1710 he had 2 "adults" (over 10 yrs) and 4 under 10 yrs.

" 1712 " " 4 " " " " and 1 " " " .

Jacob Stuber

In 1710 he had 3 "adults" (over 10) and 1 under 10 yrs.

" 1712 " " 3 " " " " 1 " " " .

Henrick Balthasar Stuber

In 1710 he had 1 adult and 0 under 10 yrs !

" 1712 " " 2 " " 0 " " "

Note: (Since Balthasar Stuber-Stiever did not appear on the

Dutch or English lists in 1709, and now first in 1710 is single and in 1712 apparently just married, it seems probable that he was the eldest son of Jacob Stuber-Stiever, now beginning his own family) J.M.K.

From Knittle's book:
In the Ulrich Simmendinger list of Palatines dated 1717 (originally pub. then 1717 & now reprinted by MacWethy):
Nicholas Körner, wife Magdalena and 4 Children.
living in "Beckmansland" - (identified as either West Camp - on west side of Hudson - Nick. K. was in the West Camp in the 1710 Ford list - or more probably Rhinebeck on the east side of the river).
Jacob Stuber, "wife and children" (not named or numbered) living in "Hunderston" - that is the East Camp or Germantown on the east side of the Hudson.
Balthasar Stieber, wife and 1 child (not named).
living in "Wormsdorf" - identified as Annsbery - in the Livingston Manor - east side of the river.
Also - in Hunterstown was Sebastian Spickerman, wife & ch.
" in Haysbury (East Camp) was Johann Herman Speickerman with wife Anna Catherine & 4 ch.
They were associated with the Stiever family - had also appeared on the 1710 Ford list & the Dutch embarkation lists -
In the meantime (from 1710-1720), the early church records of the region show other notices of these families:
From the records of the Rev. Joshua Kocherthal - (Lutheran minister to the Palatine settlers):
Baptism:- July 22, 1711 - Johan Adam (born July 21). Son of Niclaus and Anna Magdalena Koerner.
Sp: Johann Francke and Adam Hertle.

Baptism:- May 6, 1714 - Catharina Elizabetha (born April 30), dau. of Johann Niclaus & Anna Magdalena Koerner
Sp: Catharina Elisabetha Rau and Johann Mattheus Jung.

Baptism:- July 18, 1714. - Anna Elisabetha (born July 9), dau. of Johann and Walburga Grad.
Sp: Balthas Stueber and Anna Elisabetha Duntzbach.
Marriage: July 9, 1710. Johann Philip Zerbe of Kettenbach, commune of Münster, and Maria Catharina Steiber from the commune of Hackenburg.

Note: (Philip Zerbe later went to Schoharie - and then to the Tulpehocken region in Pennsylvania. J.M.K.)

Admission to First Communion ("in the new colony of Germans")
April 30, 1711 - Catharina Stueber
(with other young men and girls)
Easter, 1715, at Queensburg. - Anna Elisabetha Stuber

Note: (I think it likely that this was she who later married Andrew Karner. - She would probably be about 12 to 15 years old at this first communion).

From the New York Lutheran Church Records, kept by the Rev. Justus Falckner, - (a partial duplicate on the records of the church at Loonenburg - now Athens, Greene Co., N.Y.). Published in the Year book of the Holland Society of N.Y. - 1903.

Marriages::

July 9, 1710 "in N.Y. in Witthall". - Johann Phillipp Zerbe from Kettenbach, bishoprick of Munster, and Mariket Steiber(in) from the county of Hackenburgh

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Nov. 29, 1718. At my lodging at Loonenburg. - Hans Jurgen Rau, and Maria Catharina Stubbers.

Note: (This is probably she who had first communion in April, 1711. Note the Rau connection, also associated with the Karners).

April 12, 1720. At Jan Hardick's at Claverack. - Henrick Neus, young man living between Claverack and Tockhannick, and Anna Ottilia Stuber(in), young maid, living at same place.

Baptisms:

Nov. 11, 1716. At Klinkenberg - Johannes (born Aug. 5 in Albany - Nootenhoeck) - son of Simon Haas and wife Anna Rosina. Sp: I, Justus Falckner, and Anna Catharina Stubber(in)

Nov. 21, 1722 at Rheinbeck - Joseph (born there July 14), son of Johann Van Geldern and wife Anna Maria -
Sp: Joseph Reichard and wife Anna Maria

From the Records of the Dutch Reformed Church at Kingston:

Marriage:

1719 (no month or day given) - Jan van Gelder, young man, and Anna Maria Carnaar, young woman (born in Germany), both living in Dutchess Co.

------- Banns registered on June 28, 1719. -

Baptism:

Sept. 1, 1728. - Matheus, son of Jan Van Gelder and Maria Kermer.
Sp: Matheus Slegt and Catalyntjen Kip

From the Records of Zion Evan. Lutheran Church at Loonenburg (now Athens, Greene Co. N.Y.) First Pastor was the Rev. Justus Falckner, followed by Rev. Berkenmeyer. -

Baptism:

Feb. 28, 1721 - at Claverack. - Catharina, daughter of Philip Kuhns and wife Maria Elisabetha.
Sp: Jacob Stubber and Catharina his wife

Same time & place. - Philip (born at Tackhans), son of Heinrich Neus and wife Maria Ottilia.
Sp: Philip Kuhns and Elisabetha Stubber(in)

Baptism: "Dom. 2 p. Epis. b". 1726. Catharina (born Nov. 25, 1725 at Thaghanick, dau. of Henrick Ness and wife Maria Judel.
Sp: Hans Jurgen Rau and wife Catharina
(See page 7 of these notes)

From Doc. Hist. of New York - O'Callaghan - Vol. 3. -
Page 343 - Winter 1710. Heads of Families "in both towns on ye west side of ye Hudson's river".

Nicolaus Kerner - 1 man
(this is probably son Andrew) 1 lad of 9 to 15 yrs.
(" " " " Lodowick) 1 boy of 8 yrs. or under
(" " " wife Magdalena) 1 woman
(" " " dau. Mary) 1 maid of 9 to 15.
J.M.K. Total 5

In the List of Volunteers for the Canadian expedition in 1711:
Hen. Balt. Stuper (from Annsberg).

From Annals of Albany - Munsell Vol. 7.
Taken from the City Records of Albany - various lists of those who "att a Mayor's Court" took the oath of allegiance:

Nov. 22, 1715: - Hendrick Nies
Jan. 17, 1715/16: Baltrus Stiever
Jurich Kelmer
Jan. 31,1715/16 - Johan Harman Spickerman
March 13, 1715/16. Bastian Speykerman

From Doc. Hist. of N.Y., vol.3 - p.421
Roll of the "Independent Companie of the Manor of Livingston, as they were mustered at ye Mannor House on the 30th of Nov. 1715"

The list includes: Jacob Stower
Baltus Stiever
Bastian Spekerman
Hendrick Nies
Hans Jury Kolemer etc.

(Probably all adult males living on the Manor had to belong to this company. J.M.K.).

From History of Columbia Co. - giving a list of "Freeholders of the City & County of Albany" dated June 11, 1720.
In the North part of the Manor of Livingston the list includes:

Jacob Stover
Bastian Spikerman

At that time there were no "freeholders" in Germantown, or in the eastern part of the Manor - (North of the bounds of the Manor was a wilderness).

It was about 1715 that many Palatines & others from the Livingstone Manor moved to Claverack or that region.

The seat of the Manor might be said to be at Linlithgow (near present village of Livingstone), where Robert Livingston built a church in 1721. - In a vault under the chapel, he is buried (died 1728), and other Livingstons after him. (He had married July 9, 1679, Allida Schuyler, widow of the Rev. Nicholas Van Rensselaer.)

The records of this old church (Reformed Dutch) at Linlithgow give many references to our Karner and Stiever families

Records of Linlithgow Reformed Church - Columbia Co. N.Y.

The list of original members is headed by:

1. Mr. Robert Livingston
2. Allida Livingston
3. Jacob Vosburgh
4. Dorothea Vosburgh
6. Johannes Spoor
7. Mary Spoor

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Marriage:

Dec. 6, 1726 (with banns). Andries Kerner, young man living in Westenhoeck, and Elisabeth Stiever, both born in Germany.

Baptisms:

May 23, 1725. Johannes, son of Jan Van Gelder and wife Maria.
Sp: Johannes Spoor and Maria Spoor.

May 21, 1727. Johannis Pieter, son of Baltus Stiever and wife Anna Susanna.
Sp: Pieter Scherp and Johannes Rosman

(There is a gap in baptismal record from 1727 to 1732).

Aug. 16, 1741. Maria, dau. of Andries Keerner and Elisabeth Stuber.
Sp: Jacob Spoor and Anna Maria Preis

Oct. 21, 1744. - Jurge, son of Philip Kilmer and Margriet Stiever
Sp: Friedrich Ham and Jannetje Prussie.

Aug. 5, 1750. - Petrus, son of David Stiever and Catharina Kilmer
Sp: Pieter Stiever and Elizabeth Spikerman

Nov. 5, 1750. - Annatje, dau. of Hendrick Stiever and Catharina Petri
Sp: Philip Kilmer and Margriet Stiever

Dec. 9, 1750. - Hendrick, son of Pieter Stiever and Elisabeth Spyckerman.
Sp: Hend. Baltus Stiever and Annetje Stiever

Apr. 17, 1755. - Jurie, son of David Stiever and wife Cathrina.
Sp: Jurie Kilmer and Margriet Kilmer

Nov. 21, 1756. - Elisabeth, dau. of Hendrick Stiever and Catharina Petri
Sp: Daniel Reiffenberger and Elisabeth Stiever, his wife.

(stopped taking notes in 1757)

In later marriages was noted:
Nov. 14, 1783. - Jury Stieber and Elisabeth Spikerman both of the Manor of Livingstone
March 18, 1783. - Jacob Stever and Catrina Vinger both of the Manor.

The old Dutch Reformed Church at Kinderhook - Columbia Co.
Baptism:
Oct. 19, 1729. - Jacob, son of Andries Karner and wife Elizabeth.
Sp: Margriet Whieler and Jacob Stüywer

Oct. 2, 1737. - Magdalena, dau. of Andries Kerner and wife Elizabeth.
Sp: Johannes Spoor and Mary Spoor

From the Records of Dutch Reformed Church at Claverack - Columbia Co

Baptism: - Feb. 13 (prob) 1727. Nicholas, son of Andries Kerner and wife Elizabeth.
Sp: Lodewyk Kerner and Sara Schott

Oct. 23, 1752. - Elizabeth, dau. of Pieter Styber and wife Elizabeth Spyckerman.
Sp: Abraham and Barbara Spyckerman

Dec. 2, 1759. Andrew, son of Michael Lommes and wife Mary Karner
Sp: Andrew Lommes and Catharina Karner

June 8, 1760. - Lodewyk Carner, son of Josiah Lommes and wife Jannetje Carner.
Sp: Jacob Hogeboom and wife Cathrina

From the Lunenberg records again
Baptism:
Sept. 22, 1721. - Jacob, son of Hans Jurgen Rau and wife Anna Catharina, at "Gospelhoek" in Claverack.

July 19, 1727. Anna Catharina, dau. of Hans Jurgen Rau and wife Catharina, at "Kiskin".

From Biog. Review of Columbia Co. (1894):
Nelson and Wallace Stever - (Nelson b. 1816), are sons of Andrew Stever, b. 1793 in Livingstone -d. 1844 in Hillsdale - (wife was Clarrissa Bixby) - Andrew was a son of George Stever and his wife Elizabeth Spikerman of Livingstone (who had 4 sons and 2 daughters). George was a son of David Stever, who was a son of Baltis Stever, a very early settler.

From The Genealogical Magazine - vol 3 - (1915-16) - p 37.
Notes on the Steiber-Stever Family

First of the name in Livingstone was Baltis Steiber or Stever, who was living there in 1764, in which year his son David Stever obtained from the Livingstons a lease of the farm on which his father lived, for his own and his wife's lives. At David's death, the estate was divided among his heirs: George Stever, George Morris, Peter Miller, Hendrick Stever, William Simmons, Andrew Showerman, and David Stever.

George Stever died Dec. 8, 1837 at age of 83. His wife Elizabeth Spikerman died Sept. 15, 1831, aged 71 yrs - 7 mo's.
The Spikerman Bible has:
Abraham Spikerman - b. 1714, married Elizabeth Righter
Children: John - b. Feb. 19, 1758
Elizabeth - b. Feb. 22, 1760
Philip - b. Aug. 9, 1763
Andrew - b. Nov. 13, 1765

Recapitulation

The foregoing data may be thought of as the pre-Egremont period for the Karner-Stiever, and Van Guilder families. -

The original Nicholas Koerner had probably died, leaving Andries Karner as the head of the family. - It was a tradition that Andrew Karner had obtained his Egremont land as a grant from the Indians, for allowing John Van Guilder, an Indian youth who had been adopted into a Dutch family, to marry his sister. Since this marriage of John Van Gelder and Mary Karner occurred in 1719, when Andrew was only a young man and yet unmarried, it would seem that his father must have been dead, for him to be the deciding person for such a marriage.

Nicholas Koerner was aged 50 in 1709, hence born probably in 1659-60 - a comparatively old man, with his oldest child only about 8 or 10 years old. Possibly older children had died or been left behind in Germany, during those difficult times. - At time of leaving Holland, he had 4 children - 2 boys and 2 girls. This was in 1709. But in 1710, he only had 3 children - 2 boys and 1 girl. Evidently the youngest daughter had died during or soon after the removal to America. -

These 3 children were:

1. Andries - born about 1702.
2. Lodowick - " " 1704-06.
3. Mary " " 1700.

Then after arrival in New York, 2 more children were born:

4. John Adam - born July 21, 1711.
5. Catherine Elizabeth - born April 30, 1714.

But since in 1717 he is only credited with 4 children, one of these younger children must also have died (probably the son Adam, since no further record of him). - Nicholas, in 1717, would be about 58 years old. It seems reasonable that he would soon be dead. - hence no further record. - The wife Magdalena no doubt was much younger (from birth of children) - and may have married again. Her name, Magdalena, was carried down, to later generations. -

The daughter Mary married John Van Gelder. If he was an Indian, as records as well as tradition state, he must have been a very exceptional one. He became a man of wealth and importance, (his son a Captain). Prominent Dutch families were sponsors for his children, etc. -

John Van Gelder, and both Andrew and Lodowick

Karner left the settlements along the Hudson river and came to live on the so-called Indian land, first in Sheffield, later in Egremont. -

The deeds and other records from this later period are given later. -

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Andries Karner, as seen, married Dec. 6, 1726, Elizabeth Stiever or Stüber. She was most probably the daughter of Jacob Stüber or Stiever, and his wife Catherine (see later)

Andrew and Elizabeth Karner had the following children born during this early - "pre-Egremont" period:

1. Nicholas - bapt. Feb. 13, 1727 (prob 1727/28 J.M.K.)
2. Jacob - bapt. Oct. 19, 1729.
3. Magdalena - bapt. Oct. 2, 1737.
4. Maria - bapt. Aug. 16, 1741.

There were probably other children, whose baptismal records have not been found as yet.

During this same period John Van Gelder and his wife Mary Karner had the following children:

1. Joseph - born July 14, 1722 - bapt. Nov. 21, 1722
2. John - bapt. May 23, 1725
3. Matthew - bapt. Sept. 1, 1728.

Here too there were probably other children of whom records are not now available, especially an eldest son, Nicholas.

The Stüber - Stiever Family

Jacob Stüber or Stiever with his family also came to New York with the Palatine company in 1710. He appears on the early lists as with wife and "children". His wife's name was Catherine (as shown by early baptismal records). There probably was also a younger sister Catharine, who married, July 9, 1710, John Philip Zerbe. (she is said to be from the commune at "Hackenburgh", so probably that is where the Stübers came from). There was also a Henry Balthasar (Baltis) Stiever who was probably either a younger brother or the eldest son. - If the latter, then the "children" probably included the following:

1. Henry Balthasar - born about 1690. Married about 1711-12. Wife's name was Anna Susanna. They had children:
   David, Peter and probably others.
2. Mary Catharine. Married, Nov. 29, 1718, John George Rau. They had children:
   Jacob (b. 1721), Anna Catharina (b. 1727) and probably others. - Probably this Catherine was adm. to First Communion in 1711. - (Probably born about 1698).
3. Anna Ottilia. Married April 12, 1720, (Born prob. abt. 1700) Henry Neuss. They had children:
   Philip (b. 1721), Catherine (b. 1725), and probably others.

4. Anna Elizabeth. Married Dec. 6, 1726, Andreas Karner. (As given above) - She was probably adm to First Communion in 1715. (Born probably about 1702-4).

There was a Mary Elizabeth Stüber who was the wife of Philip Kuhns, who had a daughter Catharine, (born in 1721), - and who was obviously the sister of Anna Ottilia above. - Probably one or the other of these Elizabeths was the sister, rather than the daughter of Jacob Stüber-Stiever.

Later (in 1744) there was a Margaret Stiever who was the wife of Philip Kilmer. She was probably a daughter of Balthis Stiever, since David, a known son of Balthis, married Catharine Kilmer. -
Peter Stiever, son of Balthis, married Elizabeth Spickerman.
Henry " was probably another son of Balthis. He married Catharine Petri. -

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The Stiever family seems to have stayed living in the Livingston Manor until comparatively recent times. -
In the old cemetery in the north end of the town of Hillsdale, Columbia Co. is buried a David P. Stever, who died Aug. 16, 1856, aged 84 (born then abt. 1772) and his wife Hannah, who died Feb. 16, 1850, aged 77 (b. 1772).
Possibly there are descendants of the Stievers living there in Columbia Co. today.

To return to the Karner-Van Guilder families as settled in the district of Egremont.

- Early Hampshire Co. Deeds.
(In Registry at Springfield). -

Book N. - p.574:
Indians of Housetunnock (3 are named, one being "Skannop"). - Know ye, etc. - "that when we sold the township of Sheffield, we made a reservation of a tract for ourselves --- in Sheffield, on the west side of the river --- one part in Sheffield and one part extending west beyond the bounds of Sheffield - to the foot of Taucannock mountain. Now, we (deed) 1/2 of this land, for love and esteem to our friend John Van Guilder of Sheffield. Dated Oct. 24, 1737. - ack. same day - rec. June 19, 1744. witnessed by Hendrick Burghardt, Jr. and Timothy Woodbridge

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Book O p 420:
John Van Guilder, living on the Indian land west of Sheffield, for love and good will, to "my well beloved brother-in-law Lodowick Carner of the aforesaid place", 50 acres, part of the grant made by the General Court to Andreas Carner and me. - at the south east corner of said grant - (upon the Sheffield line, etc..
Dated June 12, 1745 - Signed by mark "FVG" and seal
ack. June 14, 1745. Rec. June 15, 1745.

Book Y. p. 379:
Noch Namos, Indian woman, now of the Fishkills in Dutchess Co., N.Y., but formerly Housatunnock in Hampshire Co. Mass. - for love and affection - to John Van Gilder, husbandman (living west of Sheffield) - as well as Sundry sums of money and other presents -
a tract near the township of Sheffield - the whole of that land the Indians reserved for themselves in the above town, etc. Signed by her mark.
Dated June 1, 1756 - ack same - rec. July 19, 1756.

Book Y. p 539:
John Van Gilder, of a place called the Province land west of Sheffield, for love and good will - to my wife Mary Van Gilder, 1/2 of the tract - it being 1/2 the so-called Indian land west of Sheffield - that half on the south side, etc. -- about 650 acres.
Dated May 24, 1756 Signed "FVG"
ack. June 1, 1756. Rec. Nov. 20, 1756.

Book Y. p 595:
Indians of Stockbridge (2 named, one a Sachem and the other a hunter), for 561£. - to a long list of persons - a large tract of land - (about 8 miles E. to W. etc) - to the Tauconnock mountain - "that is the Steep Mountain" - etc. [This is the famous Shawenon purchase, the basis for land titles in Egremont]. -
Dated March 15, 1757. - ack March 16, rec. March 31, 1757. [This deed is also on record at Pittsfield in Berkshire Co. - Book 1, p. 144, where date of record there is given as April 7, 1762]. The list of persons starts off with the Hollenbecks (John, and William, "son to said John", etc.) - It includes Andreas, John, Nicholas and William Jr. Rease Brazees, Darbys, Taylors, etc.
John, Nicholas, Joseph, John Jr., Matthew, Henry, Jacob and Andreas Van Gilder
Hezekiah and Pelatiah Winchell, William Kellogg, Benjamin Tremain, William Joyner, the Spoors,as Benejah, Jacob, Josiah, Josiah Jr. and Andrew Loomis
etc.

Book Y. p 669:
Indians of Stockbridge to a long list of names, for 20£ - relinquish all their claim to certain land west of Sheffield and adjacent thereto - description - bounded south on the Indian land on which John Van Gilder and Andrew Karner live - west in the township lately laid out called Nobletown, etc. -
The list of names of persons to have the land at the North end of this tract includes:
John Van Guilder, Jacob Van Guilder, "and Catharine the daughter of the said John Van Guilder and wife of Hezekiah Winchel",
Aaron Loomis, Benjamin Tremain, Ebenezer Baldwin, David Winchel, Samuel and Jonathan Welch, Robert Joyner, David Welch, Samuel Loomis, Samuel Winchel, Jr. etc. -

Then another list of these to have part of the tract includes:
Nicholas Carner, "Abraham Andres Jacob Carner"
Jacob Carner the first, Lodowick Carner, Samuel Winchel,
Josiah and Moses Loomis, John Tuller etc.
(each of these is to have one 112th part of said tract.
Dated Oct. 29, 1756. ack same - Rec. March 3, 1757.

Book 1, p. 11
Indians of Stockbridge, another deed, for 75£
A large tract - bounded west on the township lately sold at Tahcannock to John Hollenbeck & others - "east on the top of the first great ledge of the mountain west of Sheffield and of the house of John Vangilder". The tract to be divided into 48 parts or "rights". - the list of people to whom the land is deeded includes:
John, Nicholas, Joseph, John Jr., Matthew, Hendrick, Jacob and Andrew Van Gilder.
Josiah Loomis (2 rights), Jacob Loomis (2 rights) Josiah Loomis, Jr., Benajah Loomis, Hezekiah & Pelatiah Winchel, Simon Willard, Capt. John Fellowes, Ezra Fellowes, etc.
Dated March 29, 1757. ack. same. Rec. Jan. 21 - 1758.

Book 1 - p 747:
Indians of Stockbridge, another deed, for 230£, a large tract, north of and adjacent to a township granted to Capt. Robert Noble - to a long list of people, not so many familiar names but including: (List is headed by Truman Powell)
Henry, Joseph and Matthew Van Gilder
Philip and John Callender, etc.
Dated Sept 27, 1756. ack same - Rec. March 20, 1760.

Book 1. p 222:
Matthew Van Gilder of Sheffield, yeoman, for 30£ to John Pane, gentleman, - a 1/2 right of land - or the

132nd part of township land west of Sheffield purchased of the Indians by Truman Powell and others, - called "Spencertown" -
Dated Dec. 5, 1757. ack same - Rec. Aug. 30, 1758.

Book 1 - p 417:
Ebenezer Pane, cordwainer, of province land west of Sheffield - to Jacob Van Gilder of Sheffield, yeoman, - his right - 1/48th part of tract from Indians to Josiah Loomis & others
Dated Dec. 2, 1757. - Rec. April 13, 1759.

Book 1. p. 647:
Jacob Van Gilder of Tohconnock mountain, west of Sheffield, for 50£ - to Joseph Benjamin of Windham, Conn. - his one right in land on Tohconnock mt. a 1/48th part of the tract - from Indians to Josiah Loomis etc.
Dated June 20, 1759. Rec. June 28, 1759.

Book 2. p 416:
Joseph Van Gilder, yeoman, of Sheffield, for 100£ to Jonah Westover of same, husbandman, - certain land (next to that of Nathaniel Loomis Kellogg).
Dated Jan. 21, 1751 - Rec. Sept 24, 1760.

(For early deed to Andrew Karner, see Berkshire Co. deed records). -

There are no early Hampshire Co. deeds to or from Andrew Karner. His land was the other half of the Indian reservation - by grant from the Indians and the Mass. General Court.
Apparently he had not obtained a regular deed (he had a lease) from the Indians, and the title being in doubt. Andrew Karner petitioned the state Court or legislature to have his title confirmed and settled. This was done (see petition in these notes later). (In his petition he stated that, having been born in Germany, he was not familiar with the legal processes here for land holding, etc).
This petition, with signature of Andries Karner can be seen in the photostat - (to be furnished later)

THE KARNER AND VAN GILDER FAMILIES

(From Notebook #2)

From the Probate Files of Hampshire Co. Mass.
(at the registry at Northampton)

Box 151. No.2:

The Will of John Van Gelder of Sheffield, husbandman.
Dated May 22, 1758

(pious introduction)

To my dearly beloved wife Mary Van Gelder, all my rights in land as follows:

1 right in Toughcannock beyond the mountains
1 " in Toughconnock mountains
1 " in Province land west of Sheffield old line

Also all my moveable estate, also my dwelling house & barne - and all my lands - "on the Indian land so-called adjoyning or annexed to Sheffield" - with all improvements thereon etc. - to be at her disposal. -
5 shillings each to the following children (in separate paragraphs):

1. Nicholas, 2. Joseph, 3. John,
4. Mattheus, 5. Jacob, 6. Andrew, (sons) and
7. Magdalena Winchell, 8. Catharight Winchell (dau's)
also 9. - grandson James Van Gelder, son of Henry Van Gelder decd. -

Appoints Jacob Spoor, of the Province land west of Sheffield, as sole Executor.

Signed by mark. "JVG" seal.

Witnessed by Andrew Loomis, Jacob (x) Karner and John Coates

Inventory taken Jan. 5, 1758, by James Saxton, Robert Joyner and John Coates. Sworn to and allowed June 21, 1759. - The total came to £666-10-0

(See Appendix for Signatures)

The real estate was enumerated as:

50 acres	improved land -	£150-0-0
450 "	unimproved "	450-0-0
1 right	in undivided land in Province land -	30-0-0
1 right	in Toughconnock mts. -	£10-0-0
1 "	in Toughconnock ---	4-0-0

Box 25 - No 30:

Estate of Lodowick Carner "of Mt. Washington".
Bond of Katharine Carner and Jacob Carner, dwelling on Province land west of Sheffield. Dated July 5, 1757.
as Adm's. of estate of Lodowick Carner, late dec'd. "who dwelt in the Province land west of Sheffield"

Sureties: Timothy Hopkins & Jonathan Nash.
(Both Katharine and Jacob signed by mark).

Inventory taken July 8, 1757 by James Saxton, Aaron Sheldon and Israel Dewey.
Sworn to by Catharine & Jacob at Northampton Oct. 11, 1757.
It included:
"1/2 rite" of land granted by General Court Lying west of Sheffield - £50-0-0
50 acres of land - bounded east on Sheffield line - south on Jonah Westover's land - £50-0-0
The improvements on the Province land - £100-0-0

Settlement of estate - Approved by Court June 13, 1758.
The whole estate was £412-15-9, of which 233£ was real estate, and 179-15-9 personal. There were £10-13-0 of debts, leaving £169-2-9 balance of personal estate
Widow Catharine Carner to have 1/3 part for ever - £56-7-7 and 1/3 housing & other real estate for life.
The rest to be equally divided among the 9 children or heirs at law, viz:
1. Jacob Carner, 2. Mary Carner
3. Catharine Welch (wife of Jonathan Welch) "alias Carner".
4. Janicke Carner.
5. Nicholas Carner 6. Matilda Carner [possibly Mattline otherwise Magdalena. J.M.K.]
7. Weinsha Carner 8. Andreas Carner
9. Dirck Carner
"saving eldest son Jacob is to have a double share"

Distribution paper shows division of the real estate:
To Jacob Carner (the 1/2 right in land grt. by General Court to the Proprietors west of Sheffield)
Nicholas Carner (the 29 acres part of the 50 acre tract)
Derick "
"Andres Carner Second"
Mary Carner
Catherine Welch
Yonicka Loomis, wife of Josiah Loomis Junr.
Matilda Carner
Wincha "
Dated Nov. 27, 1758 - Accepted & Rec. June 11, 1761

Bonds dated July 5, 1757 of:
Jacob Carner as Guardian of Nicholas & Mary Carner, (signed by mark) minors over 14 yrs - (heirs of Lodowick).
Katherine Carner as Guardian of Wainchey, Andrew and (signed by mark) Derick Carner. minors under 14 yrs. -
Bond dated May 17, 1758 of:
Jacob Carner as Guardian of Janikee Karner minor (he signs this!) over 14 yrs. (Sureties: Jonathan Nash and Joshua Root)
(See Appendix for Signature)
(Witness: Israel Root
Thomas Pier Jr.
These are all the early Karner and Van Guilder

estate papers in Hampshire Co.

From the Probate Files of Berkshire Co. Mass.
(in registry at Pittsfield)

No. 1044

Estate of Nicholas Carner of Egremont.

Bond, dated Jan. 2, 1781, of Francis Hare, yeoman (with Sureties: Andrew Carner Junr, yeoman, and Andrew Loomis, gentleman) as Adm.

(See Appendix for Signatures)

Inventory, taken at Egremont Feb. 4, 1781, by Mr. John Tullar of Sheffield, Deacon Timothy Kellogg and Deacon Ebenezer Old of Egremont. - Total £231-1-0
sworn to & allowed April 3, 1781.

Distribution of real estate - Dated Feb. 24, 1783.

To: Andrew Carner, eldest son - 2 shares
" Samuel "
" Levy "
" Tabitha "
" William Race on behalf of his children by his wife Sarah Carner decd.

The dwelling house, barn, etc - to Francis Hair & wife Mary they to pay to the other heirs, viz:
Felix, Martha, Nicholas, Rhoda, Silva, Anna and Prudence.

Signed by the distribution committee, and countersigned by:

Francis Heare - guard. for Felix & Silva Carner
Andrew Carner - " " Prudence & Nicholas Carner
Andrew Loomis - " " Levi & Anna Carner
Timothy Kellogg - " " Tabitha Carner
Hooker Hubbard)
Andrew Carner) " " Rhoda Carner
Andrew Karner for himself
Samuel " " "
Francis Heare " " and wife
William Raes " his wife and heirs

Allowed & Rec. April 4, 1787

No. 1048

The various guardian bonds for the children:

Jan. 2, 1781. - Andrew Karner Jr. for Prudence.
" Andrew Loomis " Levi
" Andrew Karner " Nicholas
" Andrew Loomis " Anna
March 14, 1781 - Levi Karner - "now in ye nineteenth year" chose Andrew Loomis
March 29, 1781 - Rhoda-now of 14 yrs. chose Lt. Hooker Hubbard
" Felix, more than 14 yrs. " Francis Heare
April 3, 1781 - Timothy Kellogg for Tabitha
Jan. 17, 1783 - Francis Heare for Felix.

No. 1725
Bond, dated Jan. 5, 1796, of Felix Karner (with Francis Hear as surety) as Guardian of Nicholas Karner, minor over 14 yrs., son of Nicholas Karner.

No. 2091
Estate of Catherine Karner of Egremont.
Bond, dated April 7, 1801, of Joseph Jewett (sureties were Squire Pixley of Egremont, Moses Hopkins of Grt. Barrington) as Adm.
Inventory - taken June 3, 1801 - by Samuel Neuman, George Messenger & Roger Newbury Miller
Total only $36.50
The estate was insolvent

No. 3599:
Estate of Levi Karner of Egremont
Bond, dated Feb. 5, 1818, of Polly Karner as Adm. (Sureties Michael Hollenbeck & Ephraim Baldwin).
Inventory - recorded April 9, 1818.
The heirs were:
Widow Polly
Children: 1. "Sirlanslet" Karner (that's the way he signed it)
2. Dimmis, wife of Ephraim Baldwin
3. Sabra Karner (wife of Joseph Kline)
4. Andrew "
5. Levi "
6. Sophronia "
7. Zadock "

793.
Bond of "Jacob Karner 2nd", of Egremont as Guardian to Derick Karner, a minor above 14 yrs., son of Lodowick Karner. Dated April 28, 1767.
(Sureties: Ezra Fellowes & Obadiah Noble)
(See Appendix for Signatures)

Probate Estates of Berkshire Co. (again)

No. 1620:
Estate of Capt. Michael Loomis of Egremont.
Bond dated May 7, 1793, of Jacob and Michael Loomis as Adm's. (Sureties Andrew and Daniel Loomis)
Inventory - taken June 3, 1793 by Ezra Loomis, Nicholas Raes, and Isaac Race. (widow was Mary)
The estate was insolvent

No. 2061:
Estate of Josiah Loomis of Egremont.
Bond, dated Sept. 30, 1800, of Jared Blakley as Adm.
Inventory, sworn to Dec. 2, 1800 - taken by Francis Heare,

Nath. Hudson & Octavius Joyner.
The estate was insolvent
But a settlement of the balance of the personal estate,
amounting to 22 dollars (!), was dated Sept. 1, 1801
To Phebe Loomis the widow [so he married again. J.M.K.]
" Lodowick, Josiah, Abigail the wife of William
Race, Catharine the wife of Walter McGalpin,
the children of Andrew Loomis decd, son of sd intestate,
children of Esther decd - dau. of intestate
The widow got $7.33, each heir got $2.44 (!)

No. 818:
James Van gilder, of Grt. Barrington, minor over 14 yrs.,
chooses Elijah Dwight as Guardian to receive any
estate "as comes to me in right of my father
Hendrike Van gilder, late of Egremont, dec'd".
Dated Oct. 25, 1768.
(He signs it nicely).

No. 1359:
The Will of Jacob Karner of Egremont. -
Dated June 10, 1774
To well beloved wife Katherine, the whole of the estate,
both real and personal (except such as may fall to me
from my fathers estate if any).
If she die, then estate to beloved niece Rachel Noble,
daughter of Simeon Noble by his wife Elizabeth.
Appts trusty friend George Messenger as Adm.
Signed: Jacob Karner
(See Appendix for Signature)
Witnessed by Ephraim Fitch, Isaac Taylor & Rachel
Barrier. Proved May 1, 1787.

George Messenger declined to act as Adm. and
Francis Haire was appointed instead

(This was probably Jacob Karner first, second son of
Andrew Karner)

From the Deed Records of Berkshire Co.
(in registry at Pittsfield)

Book 23, p. 208:
Indenture dated Oct. 20, 1740 - Lease. -
John Pophnehonauwok [this was "Konkapot". J.M.K.]
Skanaup and Quans, all of Stockbridge of one part
and Anderus Karner of a place called Taukonnuck.
for 40 sh. and for good cause, etc. -
A lease of a tract of land lying East of a mountain called
Taconnuck Mt. - lying between said mountain and Sheffield
west line of their township - to run west 40 rods beyond

the said "Andrew Gardners" dwelling house - North to the North side of that land that was reserved for the Indians in Sheffield and running through same Course west 40 rods beyond said "Anderes" dwelling house aforesaid - the Southern half of the [width?] of the land that was reserved for the Indians and bounded South on the land of John Van Guilders and East on Sheffield township. - To "Andrew Gardner" for the full space of 99 years, commencing Oct. 20, 1740.

Dated Oct. 20, 1740, ack. same date
Witnesses: Timothy Woodbridge and David Pixley.
"Received and recorded from the original" May 29, 1784.
(No reason for so late a recording - except perhaps Andrew Karners ignorance of land holding procedure - as he says in his petition of 1772 - which see)

This of course is the famous lease to Andrew Karner from the Indians -

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Book 1 - p 120

Mary Vangelder, widow of John Vangelder, husbandman, late of the lands west of Sheffield,
for 15£, to Jonathan Root - the one-seventy ninth part of a township by name of Tahconnock [later Mt. Washington J.M.K.] which John Holenbeck and others, including her late husband, purchased from the Indians.
Dated April 14, 1760. Ack. April 21, 1760 Signed by her mark
Recorded March 20, 1762.

Book 1. p. 130

Mary Vangilder of Egremont, "widow and spinster" for 100£ to Joseph Westover and his eldest son Enos Westover, husbandman, of Egremont. - 2 parcels of land in Egremont (adjoining Andrew Karners land) - 1 piece of 30 acres, the other of 70 acres.
Dated Dec. 8, 1760. Ack. same date
Recorded March 22, 1762

Book 1, p. 285

Hezekiah Winchel of Egremont, for 55£ to Mary Vangilder, one right in Egremont land.
Dated July 19, 1762. Ack. same - Rec. Aug. 6, 1762.

Book 1, p. 8.

Bartholomew Hogeboom of Egremont, for 30£ to Jacob Kerner the second, 30 acres in Egremont
Dated May 7, 1761 - Recorded Aug. 18, 1761.

Book 2, p. 325.
Jacob Carner of Egremont, yeoman, for 17£ to Andrew Carner - 50 acres in Egremont.
Dated March 1, 1764. - Ack. April 6, 1764 - Rec. April 6, 1764.

Book 2, p.412
John Vangilder of Egremont, for 110£ - to John Tullar of Sheffield, 3 tracts, 100 acres altogether. -
Dated March 26, 1764. - His wife "Cattrite" also signs
Ack. April 26, 1764. Recorded April 28, 1764.

Book 2, p.462
Mary Vangilder, widow of John, dec'd. for 300£ to my son Andrias Vangilder of Egremont, 150 acres in the so-called Indian land west of Sheffield, which I hold by the will of my late husband.
Dated Aug. 30, 1764. - Ack. Feb. 18 - Rec. Feb. 22, 1765.

Book 2, p.572.
Mary Vangilder, widow, for 15£ to John Thomas of Egremont, 4 acres, with the house now standing on the land where Hezekiah Winchel now dwelleth.
Dated Jan. 10, 1764 - Ack. - Rec. Feb. 22, 1765.

Book 3, p. 291.
Hezekiah Winchel, of the Province land west of Sheffield, husbandman, for 10£ to Ebenezer Baldwin, house joyner, all my right in one whole right in a township called Taucunnock, bought of the Indians in 1756.
Dated July 16, 1759 - Rec. on Dec. 8, 1766.

Book 4, p.226
Jacob Carner Junr of Egremont, for 3£, to Robert Joyner, all my right in a tract of undivided land now incorporated in Egremont.
Dated March 1, 1765. Ack & Rec. on Oct. 30, 1765.

Book 4, p.265.
John Vangilder of Egremont, for 85£ to Simon Willard, 100 acres in Egremont (adjoining land of the heirs of Lodowick Karner).
Dated April 15, 1760. - Ack. May 14, 1760 - Rec. Oct. 30, 1765

Book 4, p.325
Mary Vangilder, widow, for love & affection, to two grandsons, Eliakim and Hezekiah Winchel, sons of Hezekiah Winchel and "Garthiat" Winchel, my daughter - when they come to age of 21 years. 1 right in land (that I bought

of Hezekiah Winchel) - where Hezekiah did formerly live - to be equally divided between them, etc.
Dated Jan. 20, 1764. Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765

Book 4, p.327

Mary Van Gilder, widow, for love & goodwill, to my grandchildren, David and Sarah Winchel, the son and daughter of Peletiah Winchel and "Martaliner" his wife my daughter - 40 acres at the west end of my farm - on the so-called Indian land (east on Andres Karner's land, west on the foot of the mountain) - to make 40 acres - when David is 21 yrs old and Sarah is 18 yrs old -
Dated Jan. 10, 1764 - Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765.

Book 4, p.327

Mary Van Gilder, widow, for love and good will, to my grandson, Isaac Van gilder, son of Nicholas Van gilder, 50 acres, part of the farm where I now dwell - when he is 21 yrs old.
Dated Oct. 27, 1762. Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765

Book 4, p. 328

Mary Van Gilder, for 25£, to son Jacob Van Gilder, 40 acres in the Indian lands west of Sheffield, etc.
Dated May 10, 1765. Ack. & Rec. Oct. 31, 1765.

Book 4, p.337

Mary Van gilder, for love and good will, to grandson Joel Winchel, son of Hezekiah Winchel and Garthiah Winchel his wife & my daughter - 20 acres (next to land of Sarah Winchel, and also of heirs of Lodowick Karner), when he is 21 yrs. old.
Dated Jan 10, 1764 - Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765.

Book 4, p 343.

Mary Vangilder, for 25£ to son Matthew Van Gilder, 33 acres on the Indian land.
Dated July 16, 1765 - Ack. & Rec. - Oct. 31, 1765.

Book 4, p 344:

Mary Van Gilder, for love etc. to grandson Nicholas Van Gilder, son to Nicholas Van Gilder - when he is 21 yrs old. 50 acres - part of the farm where I now live.
Dated Oct. 27, 1762. Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765.

Book 4, p 345
Mary Van Gilder, for love etc. to grandson John Van Gilder, son to Nicholas Van Gilder - when he is 21 yrs old. 50 acres at the east end of my farm.
Dated Oct. 21, 1762 - Ack. Feb. 18, 1765 - Rec. Oct. 31, 1765

Book 7, p.689
John Van Gilder, for 130£ to Andrew Van Gilder, 50 acres, to me from my honored grandmother Mary Van Gilder in 1762.
Dated May 8, 1771. Ack. & Rec. same day.

Book 12, p.438
Mary Van Gilder, for 200£, to Cartrite Winchell, 25 acres - the north part of a 50 acre lot I now possess called "my fifty acres". -
Dated April 6, 1778 - Ack. same - Rec. April 7, 1778.

Book 12, p.439
Mary Van Gilder, for love etc. to my grandchildren Hezekiah and Joel Winchell, sons of Hezekiah Winchell deceased - 20 acres, the south part of "my fifty acres".
Dated April 6, 1778 - Ack. same - Rec. April 7, 1778

Book 13, p.320:
Andrew Karner of Egremont, for love etc. to my daughter Magdalene Winchel, the wife of Joseph Winchel of Egremont - a farm of 120 acres - part of the Indian land in Egremont bounded, etc. - north on the north line of sd Indian land - east on land I gave this day to Andrew Karner Jr. - south on the dividing line of sd Indian land - west on land I gave to Mary Loomis my daughter married to Lieut. Michael Loomis also that I gave this day to my grandson Andrew Karner.
Signed Oct. 21, 1780 - Ack. same - Rec. Feb. 28, 1781.

Book 14, p.155:
Andrew Karner, for love etc., to "grandson and namesake" Andrew Karner Junr., son of my son Nicholas Karner decd. 80 acres (next land I gave this day to my grandchildren Samuel, Levi and Felix Karner), and next land I gave to Magdalene Winchel, wife of Joseph, etc.
Dated Oct. 21, 1780 - Ack. same - Rec. Aug. 17, 1782.

Book 14, p.92:
Andrew Carner, for love etc, to my grandsons Samuel, Levi and Felix Carner, sons of my son Nicholas Carner dec'd 85 3/4 acres in Egremont (next land I gave my son Nicholas Carner)

Dated Dec. 21, 1780. Ack. same - Rec. Feb. 22, 1782

Book 13, p.379:
Andrew Karner, for love etc, to my daughter Elizabeth Loomis, wife of Daniel Loomis of Egremont, a farm of 87 Acres - northwest part of the Indian land. (next to the farm I gave to Lieut. Andrew Loomis) etc.
Dated Oct. 21, 1780 - Ack. same - Rec. Feb. 28, 1781

Book 14, p.92
Andrew Karner, for love etc, to son Nicholas Karner 34 1/4 acres - Dated Jan 1, 1768.
Ack. Dec. 21, 1780 - Rec. Feb. 22, 1782.

Book 16, p 125
Andrew Karner, for love etc. to daughter Mary Loomis wife of Michael Loomis - 80 acres.
Dated Oct. 21, 1780. Ack. same - Rec. May 5, 1781.

Book 27, p 349:
Andrew Karner, for love & goodwill, to son-in-law Lieut. Andrew Loomis, "for peculiar care, labour and services done and performed to me and for me" etc.
97 acres in Egremont - bounded east on land I gave this day to my daughter Mary, wife of Michael Loomis - north on land I gave this day to Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Loomis, etc.
Dated Oct. 21, 1780 - Ack. same - Rec. April 14, 1789.

Book 19, p 423
Andrew Karner, for regard etc. to my trusty friend and grandson-in-law Francis Hair -
a mill and mill stream east of Hooker Hubbard's mill - on the same river or brook - now occupied by said Francis - with about 1/2 acre of land.
Dated Dec. 21, 1780 - Ack. same - Rec. July 31, 1785.

Vol 13, p.159
Andrew Karner and Derick Karner of Egremont, for 140£ to Jacob Karner - a part of the land of Lodowick Karner, father of Andrew and Derick - which was their portion from his (Lodowick) estate, etc.
Date June 4, 1778 - Ack. June 6, 1778 - Rec. Feb. 12, 1780
[This, as seen, is the other Andrew Karner - the 2nd son of Lodowick - and deeding to his brother Jacob Karner the second] witnesses: Daniel Loomis and Moses Kellogg.

Book 14 - p 114
Widow Catherine Karner for 31£ to Asa Holmes
12 acres -
Dated Jan. 27, 1781 - Rec. May 20, 1782.

Book 16, p. 108
Andrew Karner to Ephraim Winchel, for 10£
19+ acres. - Dated April 15, 1783 - Rec. Jan. 8, 1784.
[This is also probably Andrew the second]

Book 15, p 32.
Michael Loomis and wife Mary, for 94£, to Nathan Benjamin, 27 acres & 60 sq. rods. - (east of Joseph Winchell's land etc). Dated March 31, 1783 - Rec. April 2, 1783.

Book 17, p 74
Daniel Loomis and wife Elizabeth, for 260£, to John Tullar Junr. 87 acres - northwest part of the "Indian land". Dated March 23, 1784 - Rec. April 1, 1784.

Book 24, p 125:
Michael Loomis & wife Mary, for 205£, to Eliphalet Steele - 52 acres & 68 sq rods - Dated May 11, 1786.
Rec. Aug. 15, 1786.

Book 27, p.350
Andrew Loomis of Egremont, gentleman, for 80£, to Tarrant Putnam of Sutton, Worcester Co. Mass. -
a tract - part of the farm I live on, being a farm deeded to me by Andrew Karner dec'd -
April 14, 1789 - deed to be void if a note is paid, etc -
(a "Mortgage" then)

Book 29, p. 158 (in Registry at Great Barrington)
Execution Deed - Francis Heare vs Andrew Karner
Oct. 5, 1790 - Andrew Karner could not be found, etc - so an execution on his property - a dwelling house - 1/4 part of a saw mill - 2 or 3 tracts of land (one was where the roads meet, one to Egremont meeting house and other to Claverack) so all to Francis Heare.

From Mass. Archives. Vol. 46 "Lands", folio 386 and 387.

A list of names of settlers on lands west of Sheffield, stating the lands they have improved, etc.

Lowdowick Carner, a high German, in possession of himself and wife's father 20 years. He cleared about 47 acres, viz.

40 plowed and 7 mowing. Houses and 1 Barn. Good land. An excellent living spring issuing out of the Mountain. Swamp land about 4 acres. Prays for 100 acres. Has made a pitch for his son in another place near Noble's. He said he has there a field of wheat about 5 acres. Prays for 200 acres more for that and another son.

Andrew Carner, A high German, lives on ye Indian Land. On behalf of his son Jacob, now sick, prays for 60 or 70 acres. Says he fenced about 7 or 8 years since about 14 acres and has improved it and now one side of his fence is decayed. (N.B. Lodowick says there is about 200 acres only in that Notch of the Mountain where he lives).

The Widow Smith, on behalf of her son Nathan, inhabitant on this spot prays for 50 acres where John Vanguilder has pitched under the Mountain near Lodowick's and adjoyning to his, and if that cant be then for some other place for a settlement.

(The date of this paper not given, but probably about 1754)

THE KARNER - VAN GUILDER FAMILIES

(From Notebook #3)

From Great Barrington Congregational Church records
Baptism - January 27, 1745. - Elizabeth, dau of Andrew Karner

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From the Rev. Gideon Bostwick's (Episcopal) records:
Baptism at Grt. Barrington - Nov. 15, 1772.
Esther, dau of Josiah Loomis Jr & wife *Jane
[She was *"Janetje", dau of Lodowick Karner - J.M.K.]

Baptism at Nobletown - May 17, 1773.
Reuben Farnsworth, William, Elijah, Abigail, and Elizabeth, ch. of Jacob Van Gilder and wife Mary (or Mercy); also Eunice, dau. of "Anner" Van Gilder.

Baptism at Egremont - Sept. 27, 1775.
David, Stephen, Martha, Daniel, Solomon, Bennony and Dana, all ch. of Joseph Van Gilder & wife Molly
also Sarah, dau of Elizabeth Van Gilder.

Baptism at Egremont - June 19, 1782.
Thomas, Elizabeth and Solomon, ch. of Michael Loomis and wife Mary.
Abigal and Josiah - ch. of Josiah Loomis & wife Jane
John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Thankful, ch. of Daniel Loomis and wife Elizabeth
John, Clorinda & Rhoda, ch. of Andrew Loomis and wife Elizabeth.

From the Egremont Congregational Church records:
In list of members:
#28 Josiah Loomis - rec. July 21, 1771
30 Jacob Karner.
31 Lucy " wife of Jacob
38 Andrew Karner. Sept. 4, 1774.
54 Andrew Loomis
55 Thankful " his wife

Baptism Jan. 7, 1771.
Andrew, Samuel, Felix, Levi, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Rhoda & Tabitha, all ch. of Nicholas Karner and wife Mary.

Baptism - July 28, 1771:
Desire, dau. of Nicholas and Mary Karner
Oct. 20, 1771:
Solomon & Silas, sons of Jacob and Lucy Karner
(no names given after 1771 - until new church in 1816)

When the new church was formed in 1816. Jacob and Lucy Karner were still living, but did not join. Their son, however, Stephen Karner did and was a Deacon. He was the ony actual link with the old church, as he had been baptized by the Rev. Steele on May 9, 1779.

Deacon Stephen Karner died June 28, 1849, aged 70-4-8. -
Major Plynia Karner died July 20, 1853, aged 72 yrs.
Rhoda, wife of Major P. Karner - died in 1852, aged 66 yrs.

From Town Hill Cemetery - Egremont

Jacob Karner - died Feb. 8, 1817 in his 84th year.
[born then abt 1733 - This is Jacob Karner second, eldest son of Lodowick Karner - J.M.K.]
Mrs. Lucy Karner, died Feb. 28, 1817, in her 76th year. wife of Jacob.
[She was Lucy Kellogg, born Apr. 13, 1742, a daughter of Moses Kellogg and wife Mary Belden. J.M.K.]
Levi Karner, died Jan. 1, 1818 in his 67th year
[born then abt 1751, but prob. was younger. He was 3rd son of Nicholas Karner. J.M.K.]
Polly, wife of Levi Karner - died Oct. 11, 1828, in her 60th year. [born about 1768. She is said to have been Polly Kellogg] J.M.K.

In the old Tuller graveyard in Egremont are buried the two wives of Francis Heare:
Mary, died Dec. 14, 1788 - aged 33.
[born then in 1755. She was daughter of Nicholas Karner. J.M.K.]
Betsey - died Jan 3, 1798 - aged 42.

The old Van Gilder graveyard in "the Hollow" was long ago plowed over - no vestige remains.

From the Vital Records of Sheffield:

Marriages:
Oct. 27, 1747. John Van Guilder Jr. and Catrite Carner
[Who was she? It is said in Beers' history that wife of John Van Guilder Jr was Roseannah, a dau. of Andrew Karner. - In a deed his wife signs as Catrite. - J.M.K.]
April 16, 1752. Nicholas Karner and Mary Welch
[He was the eldest son of Andrew Karner]
Dec. 13, 1757. Jacob Karner and Kathrine Taylor

[He was the second son of Andrew Karner]
March 2, 1758. Andrew Loomis and Cathrine Karner
[She was the daughter of Andrew Karner]
March 9, 1758. Jonathan Welch and Cathrine Karner
[She was the daughter of Lodowick Karner]
Dec. 14, 1758. Michael Loomis and Mary Carner
[She was the daughter of Andrew Karner]
Dec. 14, 1758. David Winchell and Mattaline Carner
[I think this is just a mistake for Joseph Winchell. David Winchel had just died - and no other David was there. Mattaline - for Magdalena - was the daughter of Andrew Karner - whose husband we knew from deeds, etc. was Joseph Winchell, not David. - Date is same as for marriage of Michael Loomis and Mary Karner, daughter of Andrew. A double wedding - of sisters probably - J.M.K.]
Nov. 11, 1760. Matthew Baits and Magdalene Karner.
[I think this was probably the "Matilda", dau. of Lodowick Karner - J.M.K.]

From the Kellogg Genealogy book:

Among the children of Moses Kellogg and wife Mary Belden were: Lucy - born April 13, 1742
married Jacob Karner ("the second")
Titus - born June 4, 1765.
married 1st Rhoda Karner [She died Dec. 8, 1788, aged 23 - born then abt 1765. She was the dau. of Nicholas Karner - J.M.K.]

Belden Kellogg, son of Lieut. Stephen Kellogg & wife Mindwell Belden, married 1st, in 1786, Tabitha Karner [She died in March 1792.] [She too was a daughter of Nicholas Karner - J.M.K.]

A daughter of Jacob and Lucy Karner was:
Mary (Polly) Karner - born April 1767. She married, about 1785, Elijah Kellogg, son of Deacon William Kellogg (brother of Lieut Stephen and Moses Kellogg) She died Jan. 29, 1835. He died Dec. 26, 1839. They had gone to Elizabethtown, New York.

From the Loomis genealogy - (old edition 1875)
(corrected from later revised edition)
The Loomis brothers - Michael, Andrew and Daniel - who married daughters of Andrew Karner, also Josiah Loomis Jr. who married Jane (Janetje) daughter of Lodowick Karner, were all sons of Josiah Loomis, of Simsbury and Egremont [the storm center character of the border troubles between Mass. & New York men in the 1750's] -
Josiah Loomis, of Simsbury, was born at Windsor

March 11, 1708/9 (the son of Josiah Loomis of Windsor and Simsbury). He married, April 26, 1732, Abigail Bacon of Middletown.

Their children were:

1. Elizabeth, born March 6, 1733. Married Joel Crippen.
2. Abigail, born 1735 - died 1737.
3. Josiah Jr., born May 19, 1737 - Married (Deborah Williams - so says the book - we know he married Jane Carner)
4. Andrew, born May 23, 1739. [married 1, Thankful "Catharine, dau of Andrew Karner" who died 1808. m 2 Sibyl - He died 1820 at Lenox - no children - Here the book confuses him with a younger Andrew - perhaps his son. J.M.K.]
5. (Capt. Michael, born Sept 5, 1741. - married Mary Carver (sic - corrected to Karner) - Dec. 14, 1758. He died 1793 at Egremont.
6. Abijah, born March 10, 1743/4. - Married, March 30 1768, Mary Kellogg. died 1820, Greene, Chenango Co. N.Y.
7. Sarah, born Oct. 10, 1748.
8. Daniel, born April 4, 1750 - Mar (1) Sarah Webb. (2) "Mrs." Elizabeth Winchell, who died Sept 5, 1825 aged 80 "dau of Andrew Karner". He died July 21, 1833, at North Egremont (This was Elizabeth Karner, dau of Andrew Karner, widow of Azariah Winchell - J.M.K.)
9. Benajah, born July 15, 1752. Died March 8, 1838 - went to Smithville, N.Y. Married (1) Rachel Patterson, Nov. 15, 1771 - (2) Prudence Corbin.-
10. Rachel, born March 11, 1755. Mar. Nov. 11, 1783 Jacob Kline. She d. Apr. 11, 1804

There was also an elder Benajah Loomis - born Jan. 28, 1710/11, son of Josiah of Windsor and Simsbury. - He married Temperance Moore Jan. 17, 1728/9. Lived at Ancram, in the Livingston Manor.
His brother Jacob Loomis - born Nov. 26, 1720 lived at Taghconic, N.Y.

From History of Berkshire Co. (Beers & Co. 1885)
Vol. 1 - p 678 etc. Town of Egremont - by Henry Warner

The account here of the Karner family is very confused and inaccurate. He confuses the various Andrew Karners and so telescopes the children, etc. - There were really three Andrew Karners living there in Egremont at one time: Andrew the elder, Andrew "second" who was a son of Lodowick, and Andrew "Junior" who was a son of Nicholas and grandson of the first Andrew.

He does say that Andrew Karner died in 1781, aged 81, which is probably near the truth. He also says: "In his will, drawn by Rev. Steele he gave all his land then leased out to descendants of Roseannah, wife of John Van Guilder Jr. These

leases expired about 1832, but the heirs were not able to enforce their claims". - There is, actually, no record of such a will in the Pittsfield Probate office!

He says the site of Andrew Karner's house was in the northwest angle of the highway leaving Guilder Hollow for Mt. Washington. - [Probably not true. More likely he lived near his mill on the brook - where village of South Egremont now is. J.M.K.]

As to Jacob Karner - his statements would seem to be correct. This is Jacob Karner the "second", who died in 1817. The children are given as:

1. Ludowick
2. Silas
3. Stephen
4. Plyna
5. Pamelia

He gives the children of Levi Karner with dates as:

1. Dimmis - b. 1796 mar 1815 Col. Ephraim Baldwin
2. Sir Lanslet - b 1799
3. Sabra - b 1802
4. Andrew - b 1804
5. Sophronia - b 1806 d 1849
6. Levi Jr. - b 1809 - d 1866
7. Zadock - b 1811

As to the Van Guilders: he says that Andrew Van Guilder removed to Georgia, Vermont, "from where in 1819 he sold 1/3 part of the land in Egremont leased by his father for 99 years"

To return to the matter of the Indian Land.

Taylor's History of Great Barrington (last expanded edition of 1928) - gives the best corrected account of this

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"Westenhook" was a name usually applied to a tract of country west of Sheffield and Great Barrington - now a part of Mt. Washington and Egremont. Of course there was the large New York grant of that name covering a much larger area, on which New York claims were based. - "Westenhoek" itself was the creek or river, a Dutch equivalent for the Indian name "Housetenuc" - presently "Housatonic". [Note: Andrew Karner was said to be of "Westenhoek" in notice of his marriage in 1726]

In the Appendix III - p. 573 to Taylor's book is given a copy of the deed from the Housatonic Indians (taken from the record book of the Upper Housatonic Propriety.)

There were 19 Indians named in the body of the deed, headed by "Con-Ke-pott", and including as next to the last, John Vangilder. There are 21 signers however - again headed by Konkapot and with John Vangilder next to the last. These Indians are said to be all of "Housatonock alias Westenook".

For 460£, "3 barrels of Sider" and 30 quarts of Rum, to the committee for settling (Col. Stoddard, Capt. John Ashley, Capt. Henry Dwight and Capt. Luke Hitchcock). "in order for ye settling of two towns there" etc.

a certain tract is granted - (described and bounded). "ye Indians Resarve to themselfe within ye aforesaid "Tract of Land" etc. - between two brooks - from the river westward to "ye Patten of ye Collony of New York", together with a clear meadow beyond the northerly brook extending to "ye aforesaid White river [now it is called the Green river J.M.K.] The Indians state they have a good and perfect title which is clear, etc. - The date is April 25, 1724. The witnesses were Conrad Borghhart, Benjamin Smith, John Gunn Jr. and Samuel Bartlett. - The Indians, including Konkepot and John Van Gilder apparently, personally appeared and acknowledged this deed, at Westfield before Judge John Ashley on April 25, 1724.

Page 24, etc.

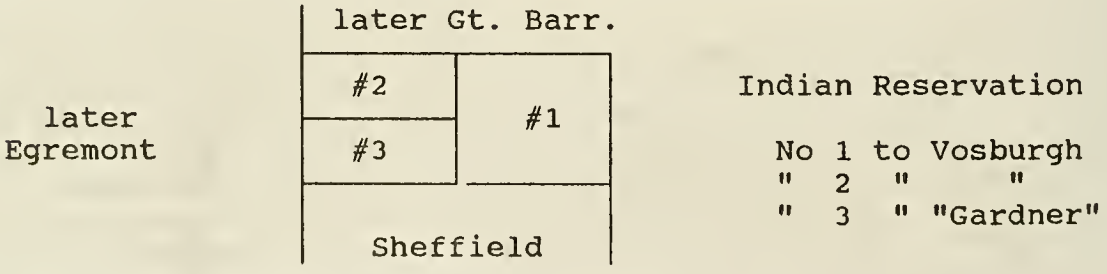
When the township of Stockbridge was established for the Indians in 1736, they - the Indians - relinquished this reservation, given in the above deed. White proprietors up above the Mountain who had to move out were to be recompensed for removal by a new grant of this old Indian reservation or land elsewhere. -

There are no official records of just how this was done, but in Col. Stoddard's papers was found an unfinished memorandum of some of this transaction.

Among those living above the mountain to move out was "Arent Gardiner" who owned 1 right and "Isaac Forsberry" [Vosburgh] who owned 2 rights above and 1 below. In arranging the equivalents, the committee gave to Isaac Vosburgh for his 2 rights above - an equivalent "at the eastern end of the Indian land in Sheffield" and for his other right below, they bought it and held it for a minister, and gave him an equivalent, also in the Indian land.

To "Arent Gardiner" for his right above they gave "the other south part of the Indian land".

Taylor says that this was just the land in Sheffield, and not in Egremont (but it seems to me that Vosburgh's was the part in Sheffield, and "Gardiner's" perhaps that in Egremont, that is the "south part" of the latter - possibly it was like this



We know when Vosburgh deeded to John Tuller that farm of 320 acres it was up there in northwest corner of Sheffield.

Book 1, p 219. Berkshire Deeds -
Isaac Fosbury, formerly of Sheffield now of Simsbury (Conn.) for 300£ to John Tuller - 320 acres in Sheffield - "it being part of the reserved land of the Indians, now commonly known as the Indian land" - "bounded north on the north line of that land - to extend south 3/4 the width of said land - west on the west line of sd. township of Sheffield - and to extend east so far as to make the quantity aforesaid". Dated Dec. 19, 1758. - Recorded May 31, 1762.
?[This is the Tuller place where the old house dated 1761 now stands east of village of South Egremont, which farm, on request, was transferred from Sheffield to Egremont - and makes an odd projection, even today. J.M.K.]
There was no mention of Van Gelder in this paper, which however was not a full report - had no date - and evidently was written before the committee finished their business.
[Later John Van Gilder said he and Andrew Karner had a grant "from the General Court" J.M.K.]
Taylor says that Isaac Vosburgh came and lived on his east end of the Indian land, and "Arent Gardiner is supposed to have moved onto the Indian land to the westward of Vosburgh".
[No such person as "Arent Gardiner" appears in any later records. Most probably this was Andrew Karner! - Note that in his lease from the Indians of 1740 he is several times called "Gardner". J.M.K.]
When the exchange for the Indians was made, they were asked (General Court Records - Vol 29, p 309 - quoted by Taylor) "Are you willing to let that land go to the Committee or General Court, where John Gilder lives, the land you reserved for yours when you sold the land to the committee, that so some of the proprietors in the Upper Housatunnock may have the land in part as an equivalent for the land we now design to let you have?"
The answer was: "Yes, we are willing to resign the land you speak of, etc. -
But Konkapot said the Indians had allowed "three Dutch people to live upon the east of Tocomock mountain" as he supposed on the reserved land, and he desired that the government would not take from these Dutchmen the land which they had actually improved -
On March 25, 1736 the General Court empowered the committee to dispose of the reserved land -
[and so this probably explains their "grant from the General Court" spoken of later by Van Gilder and Andrew Karner. No doubt they were two of the three "Dutchmen" already living there - Probably Lodowick Karner was the third - J.M.K.]
Taylor - p 61, says "it does not appear the committee disposed of the western part of the reservation in Egremont" However, in 1740 the Indians executed a lease for 99 years to Andrew Karner, of a considerable portion of the tract lying in Egremont.
[Note: His petition to the General Court, Oct. 26, 1771, states that the Indians gave 1/2 the reserved land - in Egremont to him and the remainder to John Van Gilder] -

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Originally on this reserved land in the extreme north part of Sheffield - in 1734 anyway, - lived Chief Umpachene with 4 other families. - It was called "Skatekook" (pronounced as Scot-kook) - While Konkapot and 4 or 5 other families lived in what became Stockbridge.

On Nov. 2, 1735, Capt. Konkapot, his wife and daughter were baptized - as "John, Mary, & Catherine" before a large group of "Indians and whites - mostly Dutchmen who had settled in the river valley". - On Nov. 16, 1735, Lieut. Umpachene, wife and children were baptized.

The Indians later seemed to claim the western lands, and finally on Jan. 12, 1763, for 1700£ the Indians headed by "John Pophnehonnuckwok alias Konkapot" and 19 others of the "Muh-huk-kunnock River Indians or Housatonnock tribe" formerly relinquished all claims (except the town of Stockbridge). Recorded at Pittsfield - Book 2. p 172.

[As we know, John Van Guilder got a deed from the Indians for his land, and Andrew Karner got his lease, and later had it confirmed by the General Court. John Van Gilder deeded over one part of his land to Lodowick Karner - and I think this accounts for the "three Dutchmen" and how they were confirmed in their ownership of the land, where they had settled, probably as early as 1725. J.M.K.]

Living where they did, it was natural for the Van Gilder and Karner families to be involved in the Border troubles in the 1750's. -

Doc. History of New York - vol 3 - in the Papers relating to the Manor of Livingston, give the official documents of these events. The Mass. Archives also have many notices. There are few specific references to the Van Gilders or Karners, however.

Doc. Hist - vol 3 -p 473. - A statement about the raid on the Ancram iron works on May 6, 1755, when a large party carried off (eventually to the gaol at Springfield) several of the directors and foremen of the Iron works, on the suspicion of their having been implicated in the "murder" of William Race - (in the early morning of April 15, 1755). - The raiding party is said to have included:

Robert Noble, Andries Race, John Van Gelden, an Indian, Joseph Van Gelden an Do". There was said to have been 103 in the party all told -

On May 7, 1757, there was a fight at the house of Jonathan Darbie - shots were fired and one of the attackers (Livingston adherents) was killed. In the house were: Johannes Reese, Joseph Van Gelder and his brother, said to be Andries Van Gelder, Andries Jan Reese, Samuel Taylor, etc.

As a result an official warrant was issued for the arrest of Robert Noble and his associates - on June 8, 1757.

In the Berkshire Co. Hist. & Scientific Society Collections - Vol 1 (1892) there is an article by Franklin L. Pope on

The Western Boundary of Massachusetts

This seems to be written in a very biased and prejudicial way, and it is doubtful if it is reliable. He says:

In Nov. 1756, Livingston attempted to oust Henry Brusie, but found his place defended by Benjamin Franklin and "aided by John Van Gilder, the Indian patriarch of Guilder Hollow and one of his sons". A melee ensued, in which one of the Livingston men "was shot dead by the elder Van Guilder", but he and his son were captured and lodged in the Albany jail.

"The remaining Van Guilders vowed vengeance and set out for Stockbridge, threatening to return at the head of the whole tribe" (of Indians). The Manor house was guarded, but the raid was prevented by the efforts of Sir William Johnson, the Supt. of Indian Affairs -

The article would make it appear that Robert Noble and Josiah Loomis (with their more disreputable followers) were more or less the tools of David Ingersoll, the real unscrupulous villain of the piece.

In the Revolutionary War.

The Karners and Van Gilders took an active part. - Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War gives the following notes - (only summarized)

Andrew Carner - a private in various Berkshire Co. companies at various times from May 1775 to Oct. 1780.

Andrew Carner "3rd" - a private in Capt. Fitch's Co. July 1777.

Jacob Carner - a private in 1777 (Stillwater alarm) and in 1781 (again at Stillwater)

Nicholas Karner - a private in 1777-1778, 1780, etc. In Capt. Fitch's Co. at the Fishkills - June 6, 1778 enlisted for 9 mo's - he is described as 40 yrs old - 5'8" tall dark complexion, residence, Egremont.

Nicholas Van Gilder - a different one apparently with various services - described on Dec. 2, 1780, as 28 yrs old, 5'9" tall, dark complexion, black hair, occupation farmer, birthplace Egremont, Res. Egremont.

Samuel Carner - various services 1777 to 1780. At the Fishkills enlisted for 9 mo's - June 6, 1778. He is described as 19 yrs old 5'8" tall, light complexioned, residence Egremont.

Dirck Karner - a private in the "Lexington Alarm" April 1775. Residence Egremont.

Levi Karner - a private at Stillwater in 1781.

James Vangilder - of Grt. Barrington - a private in the "Lexington alarm" - 1775 - at Ticonderoga 1776 etc. Reported died Feb.5,1778
John Vangilder - various services - deserted once and was punished by whipping - again in service.
Joseph Van Gilder - in a N.Y. Regt. but from Egremont
Isaac " - " " " " " "
Daniel Van Gelder - from Egremont. In 1782 he was 16 yrs old, 5'4½" tall - dark complexion - dark hair - a farmer. birthplace Egremont.
Jacob Van Gilder
Matthew " - various services.
Stephen "
Matthew 2nd "
David Van Gilder - of Egremont - 1780.
Andrew " - June - Aug 1775.
Benjamin " - of Nobletown - 1775 etc. He deserted once but returned to service. In Feb. 23, 1780, he was 21 yrs old, 5'8" tall dark complexion - black hair - dark eyes - from Nobletown.

Tax list of Egremont 1761
(from Warner's account of Egremont in Beers' history).

Includes:	Jacob Van Guilder	Andrew Karner	
	Andrew "	Robert "	
	Mary "	Isaac "	
	Matthew "	Jacob "	2nd
	John "	Jacob "	1st
	Joseph "	Nicholas "	
	Nicholas "		
Also -	Jonah Westover	Michael Loomis	
	Stephen Kellogg	Josiah "	
	Joseph Jacobs	Andrew "	
	Josiah Welch	Josiah "	Jr.
	Jonathan Welch	Samuel Winchell	
	Hezekiah Winchell	Joseph Winchell	

From Egremont Proprietors Records
(see maps in Appendix) (In Registry at Grt. Barrington)

First Meeting - April 14, 1757. -
"Voted that the money collected for Josiah Loomis to go to Boston in March 1756 be allowed to those who paid it, viz"
Includes: John Vangilder - 6 sh. (the largest sum)
Nicholas Karner - 1 sh.- 2d
Jacob Karner - 7d etc.
Surveys begin to be recorded in 1764 (first ones confirming former grants).
No.14 To Jacob Karner, son of Lodowick. It is in 2 parts,

cut by the highway (described).
No.16 To the heirs of Lodowick Karner.
No.72 To Josiah Loomis including his dwelling house.
No.84 " Joseph Van Gilder including his possessions and improvements - The road from Sheffield to Claverack is through this lot - of 100 acres.
No.99 To Nicholas Karner - 10 acres.
" 81½ " Jonathan Welch
" 101 " Nicholas Karner - 50 acres - surv. Nov. 30,1764. rec. April 25,1766.
Page 704 - Dec. 29,1792 - laid to Capt. Michael Loomis, on the right of Jacob Kerner dec'd - 7 acres - on the Mountain - (bounding on widow Catherine Karner's land).
No.178 To Jacob Karner - 50 acres - surveyed Oct. 30, 1764 - recorded Apr. 10, 1782 including his improvements - next to Hezekiah Winchell - the Indian land, etc.
No.224 To Jacob Karner Junr - 4 acres on which is his dwelling house - (on the west line of Simeon Noble, etc) - surveyed Oct. 30,1764. Rec. in 1810.
No.2 To Nehemiah Messenger - The south west corner is on the line of the Indian land, "near half a mile westward of Van Gelder saw mill" -

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A few more Miscellaneous Records:

Berkshire Probate

No. 4815 - Estate of Polly Karner of Egremont
Bond of Ephraim Baldwin as Adm.
Dated Nov. 11, 1828 - Sureties: Plynna Karner and Joseph Cline
Inventory dated at Egremont - Nov. 22, 1828.
by Benj. Baldwin, John Hollenbeck, Seymour Joyner.
"Fact" Paper - says she died Oct. 1, 1828, leaving the following children:
Sir lanslet and Andrew Karner, living in Milton,N.Y.
Sabra, wife of Joseph Cline of Egremont.
Sophronia Karner of Egremont - all these of age.
also Levi and Zadock Karner, minors, of Egremont.

No. 3716 - Guardian bonds for these Karner children as follows:
March 2, 1819 - Polly Karner as guardian for Sophronia, Levi & Zadock, minors under 14 yrs.
March 2, 1819 - James Baldwin as guardian for Lancelet, Sabra & Andrew - minors over 14 yrs.
March 4, 1823 - Andrew Bacon for Sophronia - now over 14 yrs.
May 11, 1824 - Plynna Karner " Levi, now over

14 yrs.

Feb. 14, 1826 - Plynna Karner for Zadock, now over 14 yrs.

From "Early Mass. Marriages" - as from records of the Clerk of the Courts at Pittsfield.

Egremont - April 12, 1793. Dr. Amasa Bucknum and Mrs. Anna Karner.

Oct. 14, 1793. Jacob Southwell and Mrs. Sylva Karner

Berkshire Probates

No. 1242 - Estate of William Race of Egremont - 1784.
[his first wife was Sarah Karner, dau. of Nicholas. J.M.K.]
Bond as Adm? of John Race and Isaac Race Junr. -
Dated Dec. 7, 1784 - (Surety Ephraim Fitch)
Invent - at Egremont May 18, 1785.
By Michael Loomis, John Holmes, Nehemiah Messenger. Total £417-4-10
Widow was "Abigail Lightbody alias Race"
Her dower was set off May 15, 1794 by Committee
Countersigned by John Lightbody & Isaac Race -

No. 1243 - Guardian Bonds for the children:
June 7, 1785. Nicholas Race for David and Andrew, Minor ch. of William Race.
Dec. 7, 1784. Andrew Loomis for Mary Race.
" " John Reas for Catherine " both dau's of William Race.

From Gazeteer of Berkshire Co. - by Hamilton Child - 1885.
Town of Egremont:

"Mr. S.B. Goodale, in a manuscript history of the town" says - a tract of 1200 acres, from the present village of south Egremont westerly to the mountain - a chestnut tree formerly just in front of the Mt. Everett house being the northern boundary - to John Van Guilder and Andrew Karner each 600 acres. "at same time was sold a like tract lying in Sheffield to Messrs Vosburgh and Gordon"

"John Van Guilder was a strong Indian boy who having found a home with a Dutch family living just over the line in New York, took the name of his foster father, though his real name was Konkapot. Previous to the purchase mentioned he rejoined his tribe and married the daughter of a white settler named Karner".

Most of the Van Gilder descendants moved to Granville,N.Y.

From Berkshire Deed Records.

Book 1, p 219. "I, Isaac Fosburg, formerly of Sheffield, but now of Simsbury, Hartford Co., Conn." for 300£, to John Tuller, 320 acres in Sheffield - "it being part of the reserved land of the Indians, now commonly known as the Indian land" - bounded north on north line of the sd land, to extend south 3/4 the width of sd land - west on the west line of township of Sheffield and to extend east so far as to make up the quantity aforesaid. Dated Dec. 19, 1758 - Recorded May 31, 1762.

Book 1 - p 221 - John Tuller, for 950£, to Jonah Westover, 350 acres (320 acres of it is "Indian land as given in preceding deed - and the other 30 acres bounds north on land of Thomas Pier in part & part on undivided land. - east on Timothy Kellogg, etc.
Dated Nov. 9, 1759 - Recorded June 1, 1762

Book 1, p 78 - Nicholas Van Gilder of Egremont, for 50£, to Ezra Hickok of Sheffield, 100 acres in Egremont, bounded east on Lieut. Jonah Westover, south on heirs of Nathaniel Kellogg, west on Matthew Van Guilder, and north on widow Van Gilder. Dated Dec. 8, 1761. Rec. Dec. 9, 1761

Gravestone Inscriptions - (D.A.R. Lists)

South Egremont (village) cemetery

Karner:

Major Plynna - d. July 20, 1853 - ae 72 yrs.
Rhoda his wife - d. Feb. 11, 1852 ae 60 "
Julia F. their dau. d. Apr. 18.1833 ae 10 yrs.
William - d. Aug. 27, 1843 ae 32 yrs.
Rhoda - d. June 23, 1862 ae 52 yrs.
Deacon Pliny - d. Nov. 8, 1882 ae 77 yrs.
Eliza his wife - d. May 7, 1894 ae 86 yrs.
Deacon Stephen - d. June 28, 1849 ae 70 yrs.
Betsey his wife - d. March 22, 1866 ae 85 yrs.
Lucretia, dau of - d. Aug. 26, 1856 ae 43 "
Stephen - d. Jan. 11, 1896 ae 87 yrs.
Julia Ann his wife - d. Feb. 12, 1849 ae 34 yrs.
Emmeline " " - d. March 20, 1878 ae 52 yrs.
Ransom N. - 1806-1863
Aeline his wife 1815-1901.

Riverside cemetery - North Egremont

Karner:

Andrew - b. June 24, 1804 - d. Aug. 11, 1887
Rebecca his wife - 1817-1904.
(various children of theirs)

Loomis:
Daniel - d. July 21, 1833 ae 84 yrs.
Elizabeth his wife - d. Sept. 5, 1825 ae 81 yrs.
(this is next the grave of Azariah Winchell -d 1776).

Baldwin:
Col. Ephraim - d. July 1, 1863 ae 73 yrs. - 8 mo.
Dimmis Karner, his wife - d. July 27, 1879 ae 36!
[should be 76 or 86 J.M.K.]

Kline:
Joseph - d. March 30, 1883 ae 87 yrs.
Sabra his wife - d. Aug. 24, 1878 - ae 76 yrs.
John C. - d. May 4, 1829 ae 63 yrs.
Patty his wife b. Sept. 15, 1773 - d. Sept. 15, 1815

Mass. Archives Vol 116 - f427
is a paper giving a list of proprietors above and below the Mt. (in a report reviewing the work of the committee - and very critically! J.M.K.)
It includes - above the mountain:
"Aaron Gardenour" - 400 acres -
below the mountain:
"Isaac Flosbury" - 400 acres
David Winchell - 400 "
etc. -

[There was a "Gardenier" family over around Claverack, associated later with the Vosburgs - so perhaps there was such a person - J.M.K.]

From Mass. Archives - vol 118 - f.567-569
Petition of Anderes Carner, living on land west of Sheffield.

"When the Indians who lived on and claimed the lands now Sheffield made the sale of said township to the English" - "they reserved for themselves a tract" - "about 3/4 of a mile in width, from the river westward to a Mountain" etc. - this was "not only through Sheffield but extended west 860 rods beyond Sheffield west line".
"Part of said reserved land" in Sheffield the committee exchanged for some rights of the Proprietors of Upper Housatonick - etc. - "The remainder of sd. reserved land, which lay west of Sheffield west line, and between said line and Taukonnuck mountain", "the Indian claimers and owners gave one-half to your petitioner and the other half to John Van Guilder - the north half of sd. reserved land lying west of Sheffield west line to your petitioner, and the south half to John Van Guilder -"
"your petitioner having been some years on the said

tract of land, having settled the same more than 40 years ago." - - informs you "that 31 years ago the Court of General Sessions of the Peace of Hampshire Co. gave your petitioner liberty to take a lease of said claiming Indians for 99 years" - "your petitioner being entirely ignorant of the manner of Titles in this country, having been born in Germany" - - "but now after 40 years labour in bringing to improvement a wilderness farm - your petitioner is informed that he stands in need of a more sure title" - - also informs you "that your petitioners lease does not extend to the said Taukonnuck mountain by 82 rods. Which said tract of 82 rods and half the width of said reserved land was given by the sd. Indians, who claimed the same, to your petitioner" - and he, your pet - "accordingly, many years ago entered into the improvement of the same"
Wherefore, prays for your wise consideration etc - and to have you confirm to him 1/2 (paper torn) the sd. reserved land west of west line of Sheffield, that is to say -- (torn) - on the north side of sd reserved Indian land - extending from the west line of Sheffield to the said Tauconnuck mountain, "where the known west boundary of sd. reserved land does terminate".
Lands west of Sheffield (Signed) Anderes Carner.
Oct. 26, 1771
In House of Rep - April 15, 1772, petition read etc.- allowed- title granted and confirmed to sd Anderes Carner, etc. - "provided he fulfill & perform the conditions of sd lease and all other agreements between sd Carner and the Indians" etc.
Read & concurred in, in the Council, April 18, 1772

Then follows - folio 572 - a copy of the lease from the Indians, as I have copied it from Berkshire Deed Book 23, p 208 - (in p 23 of these notes.)

Mass. Archives - Vol 105 - f591 - 592 - 593 -
Petition from the people who were in this party "to apprehend the murderers of William Race" - "went to sd Taykonok & were gone 3 days & nights at our own charges" etc. They ask for compensation - the promised reward etc - (say they are 105 in number). The signatures appear to be actual ones of the persons and include:
John Van Gelden Senior (looks like a real signature)
Aaron Loomis, Philip, John Callender etc.
The House of Rep. on April 27, 1758, voted 100£ for this purpose - but the Council "read and not concurred in"

From Mass Archives - Vol 32 ("Indians")
folio 750 - Deposition of James Connor of Sheffield sworn, at Manor of Livingston 29 Nov. 1756

"On last Saturday -Nov. 27"- he heard Nicholas Van Gilden, son to John Van Gilden, say he would have Timothy Connor dead or alive - that he would burn Mr. Livingston's house over his head - and further that he went to intercede with the Stockbridge indians to assist him in taking Mr. Connor - and that his brother Jacob Van Gilden went up with him to Stockbridge - and further that some of the people of Sheffield said they had rather that John Van Gilden had killed the man at Taukhanick than a white man, and they believe that John Van Gilden's sons would be assisted by the Indians of Stockbridge - and further that Nicholas Van Gilden said that if he could get no assistance from the Stockbridge Indians he would go to the Mohawks for assistance."

Signed by his mark,

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A letter from Timothy Woodbridge to Lt. Gov. Phips
Dated at Stockbridge Dec. 15, 1756.
- on Nov. 25, "our day of publick Thanksgiving", a company of about 100 men appeared in arms at sd. Taukonnock - dispossessed people - 2 families turned out & houses pulled down etc. - "there happened to be at Taukonnock three Indians of the Stockbridge tribe, who belonged to Sheffield, and also one Englishman - these persons appearing dissatisfied with such violent measures (tho it is said made no opposition)" - Mr. Livingston's party undertook to make them prisoners and "in the affray one of the sd. Indians shot one of the other party to death - the Indian that killed the man his name is John Vanguilder," - "he, one of his sons, and a man named Franklin, was all taken and committed to Albany jail, in irons, who I hear suffer extreamly" - As the persons are subjects of this Government and the place is in dispute "our Indians are desirous those persons should be demanded from that Gov. into this, for trial, "which perhaps all things considered there is good reason for"

Signed ____

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

THE KARNER AND VAN GILDER FAMILIES

(From Notebook #4)

THE KARNER AND VAN GILDER FAMILIES

First Generation

(1) John Nicholas[1] Koerner (Karner)
Born 1659-60 in Germany. Died after 1717 in (now) Dutchess or Columbia Co. N.Y.
Married Anna Magdalena _____.
Children:

(2)+ 1. Mary[2] - born about 1700, in Germany. Died after April, 1778, in Egremont, Mass. Married (bans registered June 28th), 1719, at Kingston, N.Y., John Van Gilder.

(3)+ 2. Andrew[2] - born about 1702 in Germany. Died (probably) 1781, in Egremont, Mass. Married, Dec. 6, 1726, at Linlithgow, (now) Columbia Co. N.Y., Elizabeth Stiever (Stüber). She was born about 1703-04 in Germany. Died _____. She was probably the daughter of Jacob Stüber and his wife Catherine.

(4)+ 3. Lodowick[2] - born about 1705 in Germany. Died (prob) June 1757, In Egremont. Married, about 1731-2, Catharine _____.

(5) 4. John Adam[2] - born July 21, 1711. Died probably before 1717.

(6) 5. Catharine Elizabeth - born April 30, 1714. Died _____ Married?

Second Generation:

(2) Mary[2] Karner - b. c.1700 - d. after April 1778. Married (banns reg.) June 28, 1719, John Van Gilder. He was said to be an Indian (Housatonic tribe) - born prob. about 1698 - died 1758. They lived on the Province lands in Sheffield, Mass.
Children:

(7)+ 1. Nicholas[3] - born 1720 -

(8)+ 2. Joseph[3] - born July 14, 1722 at Rhinebeck, N.Y.

(9) 3. John Jr.[3] - bapt. May 23, 1725 at Linlithgow, N.Y.
Died _____
Married, Oct. 27, 1745 at Sheffield, Catrite Karner.

(10) 4. Matthew[3] - bapt Sept 1, 1728 (Kingston records)

(11)+ 5. Jacob[3]

(12) 6. Andrew[3]

(13) 7. Magdalena[3] -
Married Peletiah Winchell (see Winchell Family)

(14) 8. Catharight[3] ("Garthiat")
Married Hezekiah Winchell (see Winchell Family)

(15)+ 9. Henry[3] - Died before May 22, 1758.

(3) Andrew[2] Karner - b. c.1702 - d. 1781 - Married Dec. 6, 1726, Elizabeth Stiever - b. c. 1704, - d. _____. They lived on the so-called "Indian Land" in Egremont, Mass.

Children:

(16)+ 1. Nicholas[3] - bapt. Feb. 13, 1727/8 at Claverack, N.Y. Died Dec. 1780, Egremont, Mass. Married, April 16, 1752, Mary Welch, at Sheffield, Mass. (She was prob. dau. of David Welch.)

(17) 2. Jacob[3] - bapt. Oct. 19, 1729 (Kinderhook records). Died bet. June 10, 1774 (date of will) and May 1, 1787 (will proved) in Egremont, Mass. He married, about 1750-55, Catharine _____. She died prob 1801 in Egremont. They probably left no children.

(18) 3. Catharine[3] - born prob. 1731-35. Married, March 2, 1758, at Sheffield, Lt. Andrew Loomis, (son of Josiah Loomis & wife Abigail Bacon). born May 23, 1739
Ch: Andrew Jr. and others

(19) 4. Magdalena[3] - bapt. Oct. 2, 1737 (Kinderhook records) Died prob. 1811, Egremont, Mass. Married (prob. Dec. 14, 1758 at Sheffield) Joseph Winchell (see Winchell Family)

(20) 5. Mary[3] - bapt. Aug. 16, 1741 (Linlithgow records) Died . Married, Dec. 14, 1758, at Sheffield, Capt. Michael Loomis, b. Sept 5, 1741. - d. April-May 1793. (son of Josiah Loomis & wife Abigail Bacon.
Children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Solomon, Bapt. 1782

(21) 6. Elizabeth[3] - bapt. Jan. 27,1745 (Great Barrington records). Died Sept. 5, 1825. Married 1st, Azariah Winchell, (see Winchell Family) d. 1776, and 2nd Daniel Loomis, b. April 4, 1750 d. July 21, 1833
Children: John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Thankful Loomis, Bapt. June 19, 1782

(22) 7. Probably others[3] - (Jacob Karner, No.17 in his will, mentions niece Rhoda Noble, dau of Simeon Noble. - Noble genealogy says Simeon's wife was Esther _____.)

(4) Lodowick[2] Karner - b. c.1705 - d. 1757. Married Catharine b. _____, d. _____.

Children:

(23)+ 1. Jacob[3], "the second" - born 1733 - died Feb. 8, 1817, at Egremont (Town Hill cemetery). He married abt. 1760, Lucy Kellogg - born April 13, 1742, died Feb. 28, 1817 (Town Hill), daughter of Moses Kellogg and wife Mary Belden.

(24) 2. Mary[3]

(25) 3. Catharine[3] Married, March 9, 1758, Sheffield, Jonathan Welch (prob. son of David Welch)

(26)+ 4. Jane[3] (Jannecke)

Married Josiah Loomis (son of Josiah Loomis and wife Abigail Bacon).

(27) 5. Matilda (or Mattaline - Magdalena)

Married (prob - Nov. 11, 1760 at Sheffield, Matthew Baits).

(28) 6. Nicholas[3] - born abt. 1737 (5'8" tall - dark complexion).

(29) 7. Weinsha[3] - born after 1743 (Probably married Ebenezer Smith)

(30) 8. Andrew[3] "the second" - born after 1743.

(31) 9. Dirck[3] (Derrick) - born about 1753.

Third Generation:

(7) Nicholas[3] Van Gilder b. _____, d. _____. Married _____. They had children:

(32) 1. Isaac[4] (under 21 - Oct. 27, 1762) Deeds from their

(33) 2. Nicholas[4] (" " " " ") grandmother

(34) 3. John[4] (" " " " ") Mary Van Gilder

(8) Joseph[3] Van Gilder - b. d. Married Mary _____ They had children:

(36) 1. David[4] all baptized at Egremont

(37) 2. Stephen[4] Sept. 27, 1775.

(38) 3. Martha[4]

(39) 4. Daniel[4] - b. 1766 - (5'4½" tall- dark hair & complexion.)

(40) 5. Solomon[4]

(41) 6. Bennoni[4]

(42) 7. Dana[4]

(11) Jacob[3] Van Gilder - b. d. Married Mary (or Mercy) _____. They had children:

(43) 1. Reuben Farnsworth[4]

(44) 2. William[4]

(45) 3. Elijah[4]

(46) 4. Abigail[4]

(47) 5. Elizabeth[4]

(15) Henry Van Gilder - b. d. before May 1758. Married _____. He had a son:

(48) 1. James[4] - b. d. Feb. 5, 1778 (served in the Rev. War)

(16) Nicholas[3] Karner (eldest son of Andrew[2]) - bapt. Feb 13, 1727/8 at Claverack. Died 1780 (Adm. bond Jan. 2, 1781), at Egremont. Married April 16, 1752 at Sheffield, Mary Welch, b. ____ d. _____, (prob. dau. of David Welch). Children:

(49) 1. Andrew[4] "Junior"

(50) 2. Samuel[4] - b. 1758(?) - (5'8" tall - light complexion)

(51)+ 3. Levi[4] - b. 1752? - d. Jan. 1, 1818 (Town Hill cem.) Married Polly (Kellogg?) - b. 1768 - d. Oct. 11, 1828. (Town Hill)

(52) 4. Tabitha[4] - b. d. March 1792. Married, 1786 Belden Kellogg (Son of Lt.Stephen & Mindwell (Belden) Kellogg)

(53) 5. Sarah[4] - b. d. before 1781. Married William Race.
(54) 6. Mary[4] - b. 1755 d. Dec. 14, 1788. Married Francis Heare.
(55) 7. Felix[4]
(56) 8. Martha[4]
(57) 9. Nicholas[4]
(58) 10. Rhoda[4] - b. 1765 - d. Dec. 8, 1788. Married Titus Kellogg - b. June 4, 1765. (son of Moses and Mary (Belden) Kellogg)
(59) 11. Silva[4] -
(Prob. married Oct. 14, 1793 - Jacob Southwell)
(60) 12. Anna[4]
(Prob. married April 12, 1793, Dr. Amasa Bucknum)
(61) 13. Prudence[4]
(62) 14. Desire[4] - bapt. July 28, 1771 - prob. died young.

(23) Jacob[3] Karner "the second" (eldest son of Lodowick[2]) was born 1733 Died Feb. 8, 1817 (Town Hill cem.) Egremont. He married, about 1760, Lucy Kellogg - b. April 13, 1742, d. Feb. 28, 1817 (Town Hill), daughter of Moses and Mary (Belden) Kellogg.
Children:
(63) 1. Lodowick[4]
(64) 2. Mary[4] (Polly) - born April 1767. Married, abt 1785, Elijah Kellogg (son of William & Kezia Kellogg) She d. Jan. 29, 1835. He d. Dec. 26, 1839.
(65) 3. Solomon[4] - bapt. Oct. 20, 1771
(66) 4. Silas[4] - " " " "
(67) 5. Stephen[4] - born Feb. 20, 1779 - bapt. May 9, 1779 - d. June 28, 1849. Married Betsey d. March 22, 1866, ae 85 yrs.
(68) 6. Plynna[4] - born 1781 - d. July 20, 1853. He married Rhoda d. Feb. 11, 1852, aged 66 yrs.
(69) 7. Parmelia[4]

(26) Jane[3] Karner b. d. before 1800. Married Josiah Loomis Jr. (son of Josiah Loomis & wife Abigail Bacon). Josiah Loomis d 1800, Egremont.
Children:
(70) 1. Lodowick Karner[4] - bapt. June 8, 1760.
(71) 2. Josiah[4]
(72) 3. Abigail[4] - married William Race.
(73) 4. Catharine[4] - married Walter McGalpin.
(74) 5. Andrew[4] - d. before 1800.
(75) 6. Esther[4] - d. before 1800, but married _____.

Fourth Generation:

(51) Levi[4] Karner (son of Nicholas[3]), b. 1752(?) - d. Jan. 1, 1818. Married Polly (Kellogg) - b. 1768 - d. Oct. 11, 1828.
Children:
(76) 1. Sirlanslet[5] - born 1799(?)
(77) 2. Dimmis[5] - b. 1796. Married, 1815, Ephraim Baldwin.

She d. July 27, 1879. - He d. July 1, 1863, ae 73 yrs.

(78) 3. Sabra[5] - b. 1802 - died Aug. 24, 1878. She mar. Joseph Kline (b. 1796 - d. March 30, 1883, ae 87)

(79) 4. Andrew[5] - b. 1804 (June 24) - d. Aug. 11, 1887 mar. Rebecca _____ - b. 1817 - d. 1904.

(80) 5. Sophronia[5] - b. 1806 - d. 1849

(81) 6. Levi[5] Jr. - b 1809 - d. 1866

(82) 7. Zadock[5] - b. 1811.

APPENDIX

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John Coates

Jacob Spoor Executor

TO INVENTORY DATED JANUARY 5, 1758

Jacob Carnes
Jona. Fish
Joshua Root

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TO BOND DATED APRIL 28, 1767

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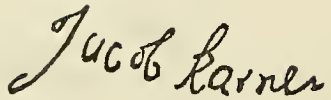

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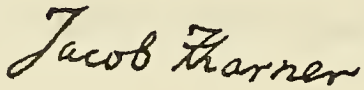

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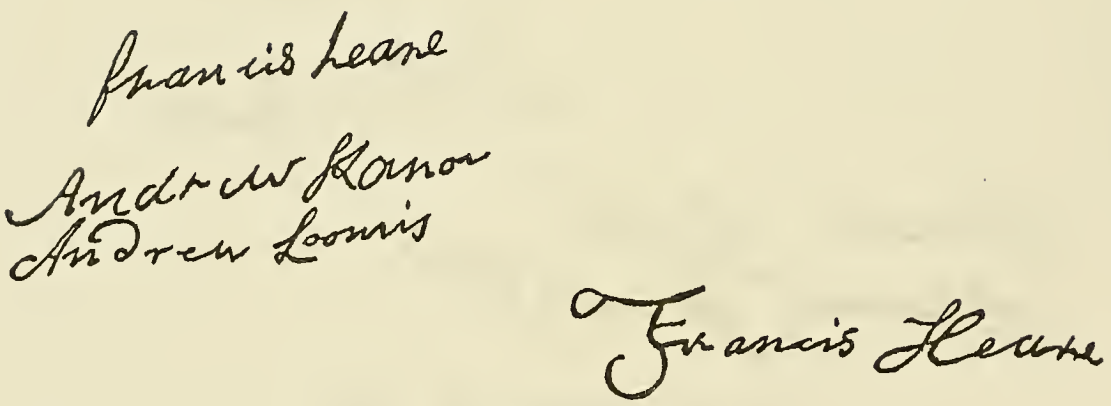

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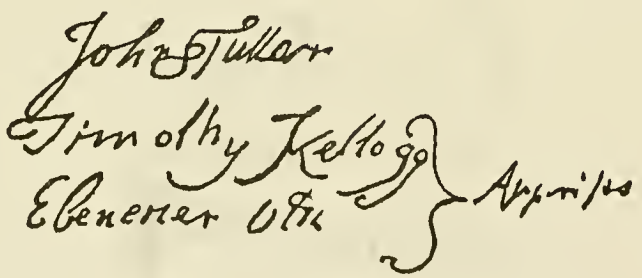

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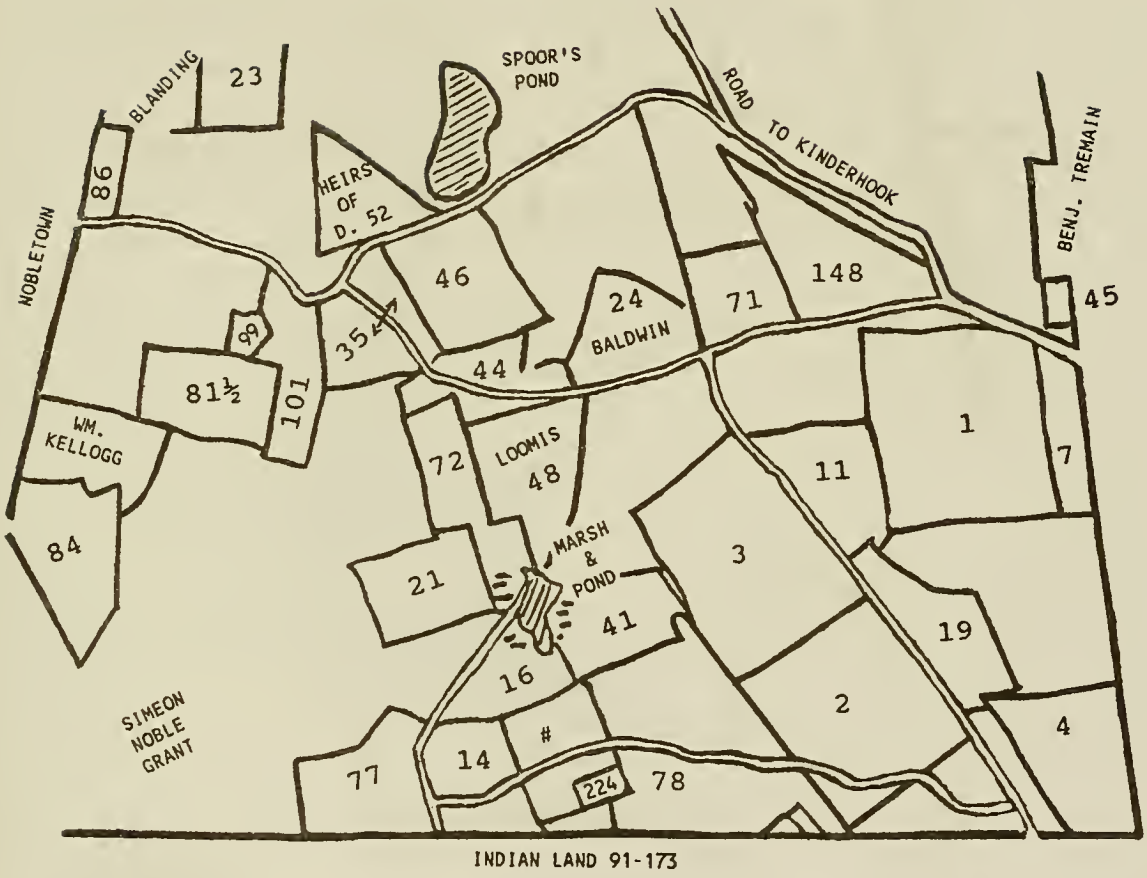
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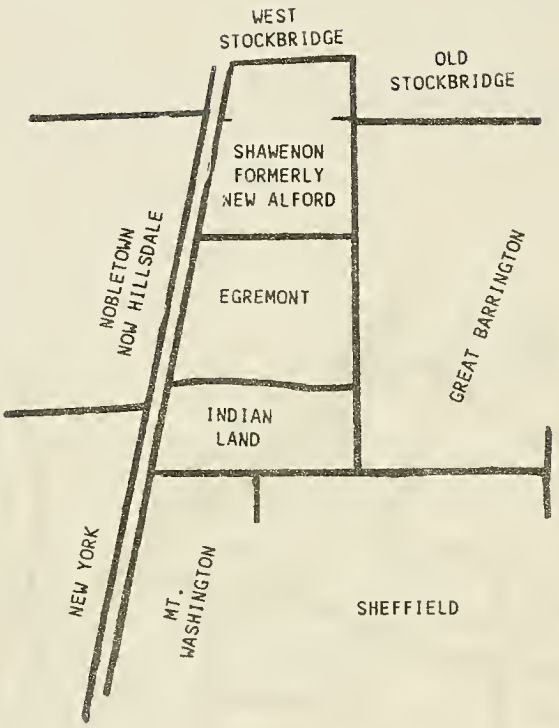

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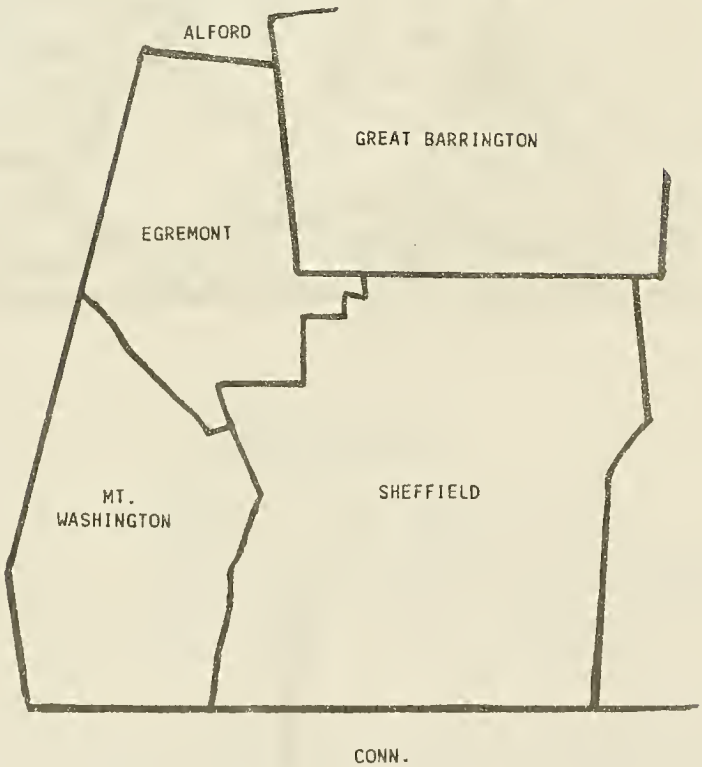

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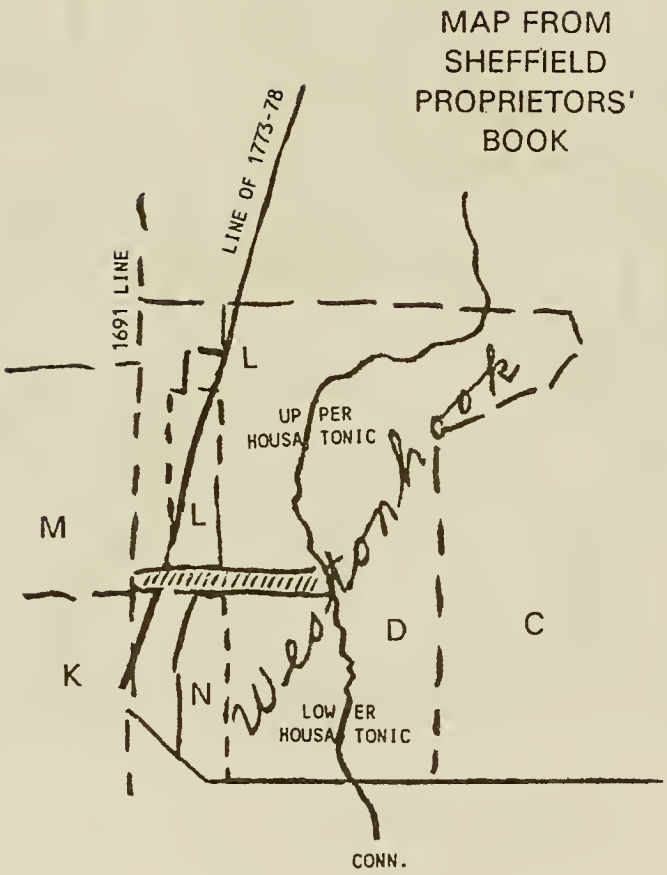
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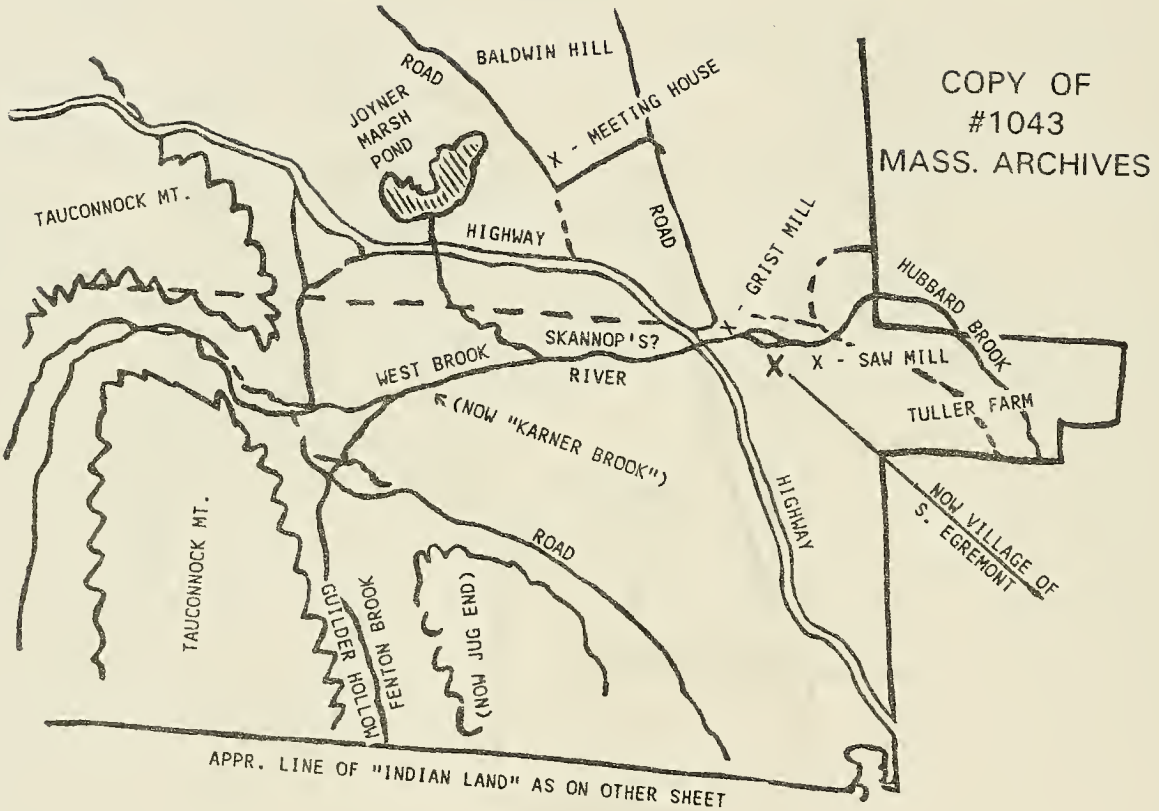
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